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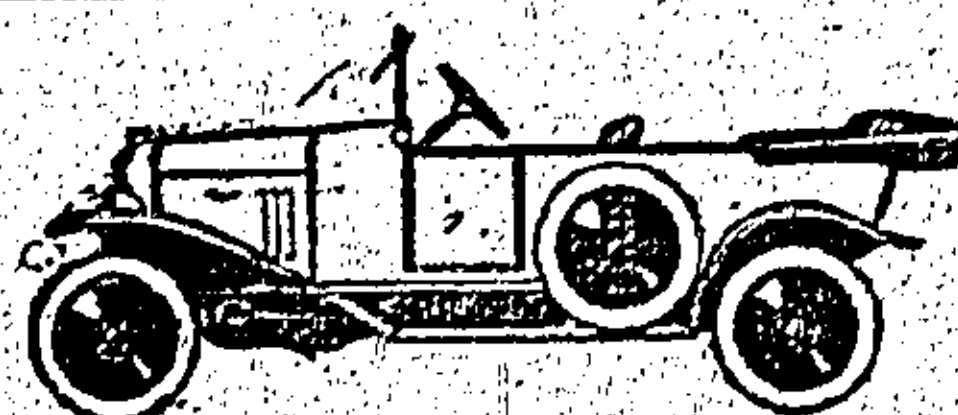
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PUISNE JUDGE ASKED FOR AN
IMPORTANT RULING.

His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Compton) sitting in Summary Jurisdiction yesterday morning was asked for a ruling on an important point regarding the binding effect of a firm's chop.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who appeared for the defence, admitted the facts and briefly explained them to His Lordship. He said the defendants were an ordinary trading firm and they formerly had a man acting as general manager who had a share in the profits but was not concerned with the losses. The plaintiffs advanced this man a sum of \$1,000 for which he gave them a promissory note, "chopped" with the "chop" of the firm. He did not account for this money to the firm and apparently he misappropriated it, for which he was prosecuted.

Mr. Russ said that he and Mr. Layman, who appeared to support the claim, wanted a decision as to whether, under these circumstances, the firm were liable. It was, he pointed out, a question of agency and his submission would be that the Home law on the subject was applied here by the Partnership Ordinance.

Mr. Layman for the plaintiff emphasised the importance of the ruling, pointing out that nearly every firm borrowed money in the course of its business and used these "chops."

His Lordship accordingly adjourned the case sine die in order to investigate the matter, both solicitors undertaking to submit a statement of agreed facts.

PRESENT FOR A-SANITARY INSPECTOR

LEADS TO BRIBERY CHARGE.

An Yan-chun, a broker of No. 125, Second Street, was formally charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday with offering a bribe of six bottles of brandy and two boxes of cigars to Sanitary Inspector L. Brower.

Mr. R. E. A. Webster appeared for the defence and the case was remanded.

BRITAIN'S BEST CUSTOMERS.

One of the points made by anti-preference economists is that to grant Imperial Preference simply means to give an advantage to the least important of Great Britain's customers. The following table, showing who were Great Britain's best customers, in the two years before and the two latest years for which figures are available after the War, has a bearing on this point:

1919	1920	1921	1922
India	£111,402,846	£186,051,716	£111,602,116
China	40,711,213	61,088,763	111,602,116
Japan	64,308,331	131,040,968	129,216,914
U.S.A.	57,068,016	178,747,743	83,030,747
France	59,283,316	178,747,743	83,030,747
Germany	49,500,000	68,283,692	43,175,001
Italy	39,404,682	68,283,692	43,175,001
Spain	31,627,707	68,283,692	43,175,001
Canada	18,601,012	48,283,692	43,175,001
U.S.S.R.	10,308,839	48,283,692	43,175,001
Sweden	11,515,783	48,283,692	43,175,001
Denmark	20,404,707	48,283,692	43,175,001
Belgium	28,083,692	48,283,692	43,175,001
Portugal	18,601,012	48,283,692	43,175,001
Poland	18,601,012	48,283,692	43,175,001
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It is now regarded as practically certain that the proposed new arterial road between Glasgow and Edinburgh will be proceeded with during the coming winter at an estimated cost of £1,885,000.

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DECEMBER 13TH, 1923.	
Hongkong and Shanghai	\$1,090 a.
Canton Insurance	\$710 a.
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China Sugars	\$213 b.
Langkate (Combined)	\$11. 34 b.
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Hongkong Paper	\$45 b.
China Provident	\$123 b.
Dairy Farms	\$23 b.
Watsons	\$224 b.
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ARMISTICE SCENES THE GREAT SILENCE.

It was at five o'clock in the morning that the Armistice was signed, and it was about that hour on November 11th, this year when people began to move through the streets of the City and Westminster, the precursors of that vast multitude which later in the day was to flow ever onward to Trafalgar-square, and thence to Whitehall and past the Cenotaph. It was the first time the anniversary had fallen on a Sunday, and for this reason the immense concourse pressing onwards in the streets bore, in some ways, a striking difference to the crowd of previous years. Men and women who on any other day would be prevented by their work from paying this respect to the Glorious Dead were able to join the pilgrimage, and they brought with them their children, some of them too young to have any real recollection of the war years, but who would not fail to learn something from this fresh demonstration of a nation's reverence for those who gave up their lives in the Great War.

The comrades of those heroes were there also, in greater numbers than before, proudly wearing the medals of their service, while the red poppy of Remembrance Day was conspicuously worn by almost everybody. Hereby began the endless stream of people passing by the Cenotaph, and as they went, so did the great mound of flowers around the base of the memorial grow in magnitude. From the terraced path in front of the National Gallery the spectacle was wonderful. Trafalgar-square was massed with people, the plinth of the Nelson Column was hidden from view beneath the more adventurous of them, and down the centre of Whitehall could be seen almost imperceptibly moving forward the thin line of the queue in an otherwise empty street. From the Strand, from Northumberland-avenue, thousands more were ever pressing forward, while to the rear the steps of St. Martin's Church were thronged with people, caught up from the great rush from Charing-cross-road westwards. As the church clock began to strike the hour of eleven the multitude was hushed into stillness and silence. For the space of two minutes the only sound to be heard over Trafalgar-square came from the splashing waters of the fountains and from sparrows chirping in the trees, whose notes are never heard in such a place except in the soul-stirring silence of these two minutes.

There was a distant rumble, denoting that the period of silence was at an end. In an instant all was movement. Vehicular traffic began again its snail-like course through, impeding crowds of people, all of whom were seeking to join the queue in Whitehall.

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday. There were present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (Sir R. E. STUBBS, K.C.M.G.).

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE TROOPS (Major-General Sir JOHN FOWLER, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.).

Hon. Sir CLAUDE SEVERN, K.B.E., C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. McI. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX, C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

Hon. Mr. E. A. IRVING (Director of Education).

Hon. Mr. H. T. CREASY (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. CHOW SHUO-SUN.

Hon. Mr. A. R. LOWE.

Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTSWALL.

Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT.

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were approved and signed.

PAPERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY by command of H.E. The Governor, laid on the table the following papers, which had been published in the *Government Gazette* since the last meeting of the Council:—

Order under the Rope Company's Tramway Ordinance, 1901, on 18th October, 1923.

Regulations under the Peak Tramway Ordinance, 1883 on 13th October, 1923.

Regulations under the Public Places Regulation Ordinance, 1870, on 15th October, 1923.

Order under the Post Office Ordinance, 1900, on 15th October, 1923.

Two Orders under the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on 23rd October, 1923.

Two Orders under the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910, on 25th October, 1923.

Rule under the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910, on 25th October, 1923.

Regulation under the Ferries Ordinance, 1917, on 1st November, 1923.

Regulation under the Stamp Ordinance, 1921, on 15th November, 1923.

Regulations under the Public Places Regulation Ordinance, 1870, on 22nd November, 1923.

Order under the Rents Ordinance, 1923, on 6th December, 1923.

FINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. The Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 89 to 107, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. The Governor, also laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, No. 13 and moved that it be adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

BY-LAWS RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. The Governor, laid on the table new by-laws relating to the importation and landing of animals and the mitigation and prevention of disease among animals and moved that they be adopted.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912. He said: The main object of this Bill is that which is intended to be effected by clause 3. That clause proposes to add a new section—section 3—to the principal Ordinance. The section deals with the issuing, serving and execution of certain kinds of process. Process in the ordinary civil actions is excepted and will still be dealt with by the Code of Civil Procedure. Accordingly, this section deals mainly, though not entirely, with criminal procedure. There is some doubt at present in the case of some forms of criminal process whether they can be executed on Sundays and other holidays. It seems obvious that if there is power to serve a summons, or execute a warrant, that it should be possible to do that act on a holiday as well as on an ordinary week-day, otherwise a suspected criminal would have the whole Colony as his sanctuary on every holiday. This section clears up a doubt as to whether these particular forms of criminal process may or may not be executed on Sundays or other holidays. It also provides that where there is power to arrest or search, on making a seizure, that power may be exercised on holidays as well as on ordinary week-days. The Ordinance gives no new power of arrest, or search or seizure, but merely enables what is possible on ordinary days to be done also on holidays. As the Ordinance is being amended it was thought a convenient time to bring section 3 up-to-date. Section 3 contains a list of the general holidays and the new list which is substituted by clause 2 of the Bill for the list in the present Ordinance brings the list of holidays up-to-date in accordance with what has been the practice in recent years. I have mentioned in paragraph 7 of the "Objects and Reasons" the alterations made. I beg to move the first reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

THE LAW RELATING TO OPIUM.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Opium. He said: This Bill is a long and rather formidable looking one, but, of course, a great deal of it is merely consolidation. I think that it will be enough if I state very shortly what the chief changes are which are made in the law by this Bill. In the first place all provisions relating to the existence of an entrapment trade in raw opium in Hongkong are swept away. In future, if this Bill becomes law, the only case in which the importation of raw opium will be legal will be the case of opium on through bills of lading destined to other places which allow the importation of raw opium—the raw opium in bond for the Macao opium farm and the raw opium for the Superintendent—the two classes of raw opium on a through bill of lading for a country which allows importation, and the case of raw opium for Macao—are dealt with in clause 4 of the Bill and very stringent conditions have to be observed, otherwise the importation will be illegal. For example, the arrival and departure of the opium must be reported fully to the Superintendent. With regard to opium on a through bill of lading passing through the Colony, there is one particular provision, which is of considerable importance, contained in paragraph (f) of sub-section 2 of section 4, which provides that this opium must be accompanied by a certificate in the form set out in the first schedule. That certificate is based on a form recommended by the Opium Section of the League of Nations Advisory Committee and is a certificate to be given by the country of destination stating that the importation of the particular shipment in question into the country will be allowed. That certificate must accompany the opium on the ship and must be produced to the Superintendent. Apart from the three cases in which raw opium may be imported, all dealings of any kind in raw opium are prohibited absolutely. Of course, dealings in prepared opium are also absolutely prohibited, except dealings by or under the authority of the Superintendent.

Another new provision in the Bill is that contained in clause 23 which provides that no opium is to be sent by post, and that the Postmaster-General has power to open and detain any postal article which he suspects may contain opium or which he suspects may contain evidence of some offence against this Ordinance. That applies to any postal article whatever be its destination and whatever be its origin. Then the powers of search on suspicion, as distinct from the general search which takes place on steamers, wharves and elsewhere, have been very much increased and widened. That is contained in clause 31 of the Bill, which gives power to seize, remove and detain anything which appears to contain evidence of any offence against the Ordinance. The officers who have that power of search will be selected by the Superintendent under the power conferred by sub-clauses 1 and 4 of that clause.

Sub-clause 2 of clause 36 is also new, though a similar provision appears in the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance. It provides that any person who is proved to have "had in his possession or under his control anything whatsoever containing any opium shall, until the contrary is provided, be deemed to have been in possession of such opium." In accordance with the policy of the English Dangerous Drugs Act, it has been made an offence to do any act in aid of and contemplation of any transaction outside the Colony which will be an offence against the corresponding law of that place.

Sub-clauses 3 and 4 of clause 38 deal with the case of conviction of a company or firm of an offence under this Ordinance. In the case of conviction of a company the directors and other officers are also guilty of the same offence. In the case of conviction of a firm, every partner and every person concerned in the management is also to be deemed guilty of the same offence unless it is proved that the act occurred without his knowledge and consent. A novel feature in the form in which they now appear in clause 39. I think that will be more convenient than if they are scattered over various sections of the Ordinance. There are also several minor amendments which tend to make the law more watertight, to which it is unnecessary to refer. I beg to move the first reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900. He said: This Bill contains a great number of amendments to the principal Ordinance, but the actual changes the law makes are not, I think, of great importance, though they are desirable in many cases because they bring the law into line with what is now the existing practice. In the first place the Bill provides for the taking of an oath or a declaration by police interpreters, by launch hands employed by the Police Department, and telephone operators.

In the case of launch hands and interpreters they are sworn in at present, but without any statutory authority, and the Captain Superintendent of Police believes that the taking of an oath has an appreciable moral effect. Then the Bill recognises another practice which is at present in force without statutory authority: that is the engagement for definite terms of interpreters, launch hands and telephone operators. It also provides for the engagement of police on probation. That is also done now without statutory authority. It provides also for the re-engagement for short terms of police officers who are approaching their retiring age: that is to enable them to retire at that age if they so desire. That is now done without statutory authority, and possibly against statutory authority. The magisterial penalties for breach of duty which at present apply only to the Police Force proper are extended by the Bill to launch hands; they are called in the Bill "members of the crew," which include deck hands and engine room hands of police launches and motor boats.

The disciplinary powers of the officers of the Police Force are extended by the Bill to the whole of the civilian staff. That includes launch hands and also such persons as telephone operators and police interpreters and clerks. The disciplinary punishments that can be imposed by an officer of the Force are codified in clause 12. In clause 13, the power of the Governor to dismiss is extended to members of the civilian staff. Clause 14 gives power to give rewards to launch hands and interpreters as well as to members of the Force proper and gives power to award medals and badges to launch hands.

Section 31 of the principal Ordinance makes it an offence to assault police officers acting in the execution of their duty. Clause 16 of the Bill extends that to assaults on members of the crew. Clause 20 provides that the civilian staff is to be subjected to the general pension minute, and not to the police pension regulations. Clauses 22 and 23 are, I think, important alterations in the law. Clause 22 gives a general power of search, arrest and detention similar to the particular power given recently in the Arms Ordinance. Clause 23 gives power to take finger prints of any person who may be lawfully in custody. At present there is no very clear authority for taking finger prints, though it is arguable that under the gaol regulations finger prints of prisoners in the gaol may be taken. The clause makes it clear that any person in custody may have his finger prints taken, and it is an offence to obstruct the taking of finger prints. The other amendments, Sir, are, I think, consequential or minor. I beg to move the first reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

FOREST OFFICERS' ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to confer certain powers of arrest on forest officers. He said: This Bill proposes to give forest officers—which includes the officers and the heads and the assistant heads of the Botanical and Forestry Department—power of arrest for certain offences specified in the Schedule. These offences relate chiefly to the stealing and damaging of trees, and other plants, and it is made an offence to assault or resist or obstruct any forest officer in the execution of his duties. That is an offence at present, but I think the provision occurs more conveniently in this Ordinance than where it is at present in the Magistrate's Ordinance.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, the motion was carried and the Bill was read a first time.

THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Companies' Ordinance, 1911. He said: This Bill proposes to make three amendments in the Companies Ordinance. The first one—which is dealt with by Clause 2—is explained, I think, fairly fully in the Objects and Reasons. I would only like to say in addition to what appears there, that this is a relieving amendment: it does not impose any fresh burden: it is intended to relieve companies of a very strict interpretation of Section 84 (2)—might be supposed to impose upon them. It is intended to make it clear that when a company uses an unofficial name, a kind of nickname, like Ewo or Tai-koo, it need not append to that name the Chinese character meaning "Limited"—only when they use their full name or a transliteration of it.

Clause 3 deals with the hardship which is found to follow from a particular provision of the Ordinance, inserted by an amending ordinance, which provides that if a company fails to obtain a certificate to commence business within one year of its incorporation it will be struck off the register. No provision was made for the company being put on the register, though of course it might be a mere oversight which led to its being struck off, and it may be desirable in the interests of creditors that the company should be put back. This section merely gives the Court power to put a company back on the register if it is expedient.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, the motion was carried and the Bill was read a first time.

THE INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911. He said: None of the amendments proposed by this Bill is of any great or urgent importance, but it is desirable that they should be made now because of the revision of the Ordinances which is now in course of being carried out. Clause 2 is intended to make it quite clear that any powers given by an ordinance or of making regulations, or doing other acts, may be exercised at any time between the passing of the ordinance and its coming into operation. The present section is a little ambiguous and might possibly be considered as meaning that that power extends only to acts strictly necessary to bring the Ordinance into operation. It is convenient to have the power to make regulations, which, of course, cannot come into force until the Ordinance itself comes into force. Clause 3 and Clause 4 deal with what I may call purely revision points—they are amendments necessary on account of the revision of the ordinances. Clause 5 provides that, if the accused is charged with possession of a thing and the offence is possession without lawful authority or excuse, the onus of proving lawful authority or excuse shall lie on the person charged. That is the only new point in the section. Clause 6 contains a definition of the Colony which is intended to make it clear that the term "Colony" includes "the waters of the Colony"—unless, of course, some contrary intention is shown to be necessary by the context. Clause 7, again, deals with purely revision points. I beg to move the first reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, the motion was carried and the Bill was read a first time.

PASSPORTS' ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to regulate the Admission of persons into the Colony of Hongkong. He said: This Bill is intended to carry out what is now the very general policy throughout the world of requiring passports or some official evidence of identity, from persons entering the territory of a state. The Bill is a skeleton Bill in order to enable regulations to be made or altered from time to time as circumstances require. Clause 2 gives power to make regulations. Clause 3 gives the power of arrest or search; Clause 4 provides for certain presumptions if all the facts referred to in the Clause are matters peculiarly within the knowledge of the accused. Clause 5 is the penalty clause. The regulations are contained in a schedule of the Bill. Regulation 1 provides that no person is to enter the Colony—the words "by land, air or sea" have been accidentally omitted—unless he has either a passport or some other official document establishing his nationality and identity which has been subsequently approved by the Captain Superintendent of Police. That second part of the regulation is intended to refer to a document issued in some foreign countries. It is not a passport in the full sense of the word, but it is a card or a card of identity, or an identity book, and this regulation is intended to give power to accept that if the document produced is approved by the Captain Superintendent of Police. Regulation 2 lays down the requirements of a valid passport. Regulation 3 requires any person having a passport or other document of identity of nationality to produce it on demand by a police officer. Regulation 4 gives the Magistrate power to order the expulsion of any person from the Colony who enters the Colony without a valid passport, and regulation 5 contains a list of persons exempted—persons to whom these regulations are not to apply. I beg to move the first reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, the motion was carried and the Bill was read a first time.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. The Governor: The Council will adjourn until this day week at 2.30 p.m.

The third amendment is dealt with in Clause 3 and provides that amongst the charges which must be registered in the office of the Registrar of Companies will be included, in future, a mortgage or a charge upon any ship, lighter or launch owned by the company. It is obviously desirable that any charge of that kind created by a company should be registered in some place where, on search, the public may ascertain the fact of the charge. I beg to move the first reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, the motion was carried and the Bill was read a first time.

THE INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911. He said: None of the amendments proposed by this Bill is of any great or urgent importance, but it is desirable that they should be made now because of the revision of the Ordinances which is now in course of being carried out. Clause 2 is intended to make it quite clear that any powers given by an ordinance or of making regulations, or doing other acts, may be exercised at any time between the passing of the ordinance and its coming into operation. The present section is a little ambiguous and might possibly be considered as meaning that that power extends only to acts strictly necessary to bring the Ordinance into operation. It is convenient to have the power to make regulations, which, of course, cannot come into force until the Ordinance itself comes into force. Clause 3 and Clause 4 deal with what I may call purely revision points—they are amendments necessary on account of the revision of the ordinances. Clause 5 provides that, if the accused is charged with possession of a thing and the offence is possession without lawful authority or excuse, the onus of proving lawful authority or excuse shall lie on the person charged. That is the only new point in the section. Clause 6 contains a definition of the Colony which is intended to make it clear that the term "Colony" includes "the waters of the Colony"—unless, of course, some contrary intention is shown to be necessary by the context. Clause 7, again, deals with purely revision points. I beg to move the first reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, the motion was carried and the Bill was read a first time.

PASSPORTS' ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to regulate the Admission of persons into the Colony of Hongkong. He said: This Bill is intended to carry out what is now the very general policy throughout the world of requiring passports or some official evidence of identity, from persons entering the territory of a state. The Bill is a skeleton Bill in order to enable regulations to be made or altered from time to time as circumstances require. Clause 2 gives power to make regulations. Clause 3 gives the power of arrest or search; Clause 4 provides for certain presumptions if all the facts referred to in the Clause are matters peculiarly within the knowledge of the accused. Clause 5 is the penalty clause. The regulations are contained in a schedule of the Bill. Regulation 1 provides that no person is to enter the Colony—the words "by land, air or sea" have been accidentally omitted—unless he has either a passport or some other official document establishing his nationality and identity which has been subsequently approved by the Captain Superintendent of Police. That second part of the regulation is intended to refer to a document issued in some foreign countries. It is not a passport in the full sense of the word, but it is a card or a card of identity, or an identity book, and this regulation is intended to give power to accept that if the document produced is approved by the Captain Superintendent of Police. Regulation 2 lays down the requirements of a valid passport. Regulation 3 requires any person having a passport or other document of identity of nationality to produce it on demand by a police officer. Regulation 4 gives the Magistrate power to order the expulsion of any person from the Colony who enters the Colony without a valid passport, and regulation 5 contains a list of persons exempted—persons to whom these regulations are not to apply. I beg to move the first reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, the motion was carried and the Bill was read a first time.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. The Governor: The Council will adjourn until this day week at 2.30 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was afterwards held, the COLONIAL SECRETARY presiding.

A HOSPITAL VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$9,500 in aid of the following votes:

Medical Department—	
Civil Hospital, Other	
Charges—	
Provisions for Patients ..	\$7,500.00
Washing ..	1,000.00
Victoria Hospital, Other	
Charges—	
Provisions for Patients ..	600.00
Washing ..	100.00
Total ..	\$9,500.00

The CHAIRMAN: These sums are required owing to the increase in the number of patients—the increase at the Government Civil Hospital was 700 and at Victoria Hospital, 75.

THE COST OF FOREST FIRES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$950 in aid of the following votes:

Botanical and Forestry Department, Other Charges—	
Forestry, Hongkong ..	\$500.00
Transport ..	150.00
Total ..	\$650.00

The CHAIRMAN: With regard to the \$900, the bill for the Peak in February cost \$200 and the planting of trees in Shek O Road \$350. There has also been an increase of pay to the temporary workers in the Department, of from 40 to 45 cents, owing to the difficulty in getting men. As regards the second item, transport, the increase is due to numerous fires in the neighbourhood of Aberdeen at the beginning of the year.

RAILWAY'S ELECTRIC POWER INSTALLATION.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$2,630 in aid of the vote, Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Construction, Installation of Electric Power.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum was required in addition to the sum of \$13,500 provided in the Estimates, and is due to the fall of exchange since the electric motors were ordered—a fall from 2/7d. to 2/2 1/2d. in the case of one motor and 2/3 1/2d. in the case of two others—also to an increase in the price to the extent of £150.

A NEW TERRITORY VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, (115) Miscellaneous Works.

The CHAIRMAN: The maximum amount laid down for works charged against the vote, miscellaneous, New Territories, was \$2,000, and this work at Taiipo Market cost more than the vote of \$2,000. The total cost of the filling-in has been \$5,500 and the balance—\$3,500—is now required.

ALTERATIONS AT GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$8,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, Alterations to Government Civil Hospital Buildings.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is required this year in connection with the work of providing extra accommodation in "C" Block of the Government Civil Hospital; 25 beds, and a ward kitchen to "A" Block, and furniture. The total cost is \$10,000 and \$5,000 will be expended this year.

A CHARITABLE VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,700 in aid of the vote Charitable Services, Grant in aid of Charitable Institutions, Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals.

The CHAIRMAN: On the 7th November, 1922, the Finance Committee approved a Government contribution to those institutions, and an increase is proposed in recognition of the increased amount of work.

A COLONIAL SECRETARIAT VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$340 in aid of the following votes:

Colonial Secretary's Office,	
Other Charges—	
Incidental Expenses ..	\$100.00
Gas, Electric Fans and Light ..	100.00
Mansard Reports ..	110.00
Total ..	\$340.00

The CHAIRMAN: This increase has been incurred owing to the Colonial Secretary's Office having taken over the whole first floor of this building and there has been an addition to the staff of messengers.

FANS AND LIGHT FOR OPIUM DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$400 in aid of the vote Imports and Exports Department, Other Charges, Opium, Electric Fans and Light.

The CHAIRMAN: Owing to the boiling of opium having to be finished by the 20th June, boiling was in operation from the 1st January and this led to the increased consumption of light.

A ROTARY CONVERTER FOR THE RAILWAY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$316 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Rotary Converter.

The CHAIRMAN: This was ordered in 1922 and no provision was made in the Estimates for 1923; therefore the amount required has to be voted now.

Approved.

POLICE VOTES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$850 in aid of the following votes:

Police Department, Special	
Expenditure—	
1 Searchlight (for No. 4 Launch) ..	\$600.00
1 Prisoners' Van (Dennis Chassis) ..	250.00
Total ..	\$850.00

The CHAIRMAN: The vote for the searchlight was \$3,000, but the contract was \$600 more than this. The vote for the prisoners' van was \$6,500—and this extra amount was required.

Approved.

THE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$15,000 on account of Sanitary Department, Special Expenditure, Vaccination.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is required for the special vaccination campaign, for which no provision was made in the Estimates.

Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS AND CHARITABLE SERVICES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$130,350 in aid of the following votes:

Miscellaneous Services—	
Bathing Places, North	
Point, Kennedy Town, and	
Stonewallers' Island ..	\$5,450.00
Crown Agents' Commission ..	1,752.00
Grant in aid of Scientific	
Institutions ..	124.00
Grants in aid of Other	
Institutions ..	137.00
Motor Cars, Running Ex-	
penses ..	3,892.00
Newspapers, and Periodi-	
cals ..	1,733.00
Other Miscellaneous Ser-	
vices ..	37,797.00
Printing and Binding ..	7,000.00
Rent Allowances ..	8,598.00
Rent of Public Tele-	
phones ..	1,716.00
Telegrams sent and re-	
ceived by Government ..	4,743.00
Transport of Government	
Servants ..	54,448.00
Upkeep of Typewriters ..	176.00
Erection of a Motor Car	
Shelter, etc., at Kowloon	
Point ..	551.00
Charitable Services—	
Charitable allowance to	
Tsai Hin Ki ..	7.00
Other Charitable allow-	
ances ..	543.00
Passages, and Relief of	
Destitutes ..	2,381.00
Charitable Pension: Siu	
Kam Ho, widow of late	
L.S.C. 100 Sin Chuen ..	284.00
Total ..	\$130,350.00

The CHAIRMAN: The Treasurer asks for these various sums: I do not know whether hon. members wish to know the reasons for all these various increases. As to the bathing places, I believe it included an extra bathing place in Kowloon. As to the Crown Agents' commission, a larger amount is required owing to lower exchange, and that applies to all the items in the school of Oriental study, London Institution. As to newspapers, and periodicals, the amount required was not estimated for. Other miscellaneous services—the amount which was voted was found to be too small, because the Government undertook the cost of entertaining the crews of foreign squadrons who visited the Colony, and this led to a considerable increase over the amount voted.

The Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: There was the visit of a geologist.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it is all due to entertainment allowances, but it may have been under-estimated owing to the visit of the geologist from Canada. Printing and binding, has increased. It was under-estimated owing to the inability of the Gao to execute certain work which had to be placed with the Government.

Printers in consequence. More rent allowances have been granted, there being no quarters available. The increase is under "Rent of Public Telephone" is due to lower exchange and need for more lines. Telegrams sent and received by the Government were also under-estimated. During the year the amounts spent on these went to a very high figure and it was cut down afterwards. The vote was sufficient up to last year, but I understand there has been a good deal of telegraphing for the British Empire Exhibition.

The CHAIRMAN: A considerable amount.

The CHAIRMAN: "Transport of Government servants" was under-estimated. That was chiefly due to the large increase in the Police Force.

The Hon. Mr. LANG: The passage rates have been reduced very considerably during the last few months.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. If members would like a detailed statement as to that it can be obtained. I have no doubt it will be of interest.

The vote was approved, subject to details being supplied.

A CHINESE SECRETARIAT VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$675 in aid of the vote Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Personal Emoluments.

The CHAIRMAN: This sum is required to pay the salary of a stenotypist who was engaged during the year at a salary of \$900 per annum. It was thought that the salary could be paid out of reductions in salaries, but there were no reductions.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK: I should like to ask whether a stenotypist has been engaged for the Buildings Works? A stenographer has been engaged.

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: And for the Director of Public Works Office? The Director of Public Works: One is about to be engaged.

Approved.

RENT OF FIRE STATION AT MONGKOK.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$900 on account of Fire Brigade, Other Charges, Rent of temporary Fire Station.

The CHAIRMAN: It has been decided to keep on the temporary fire station premises at Mongkok to be used as a temporary police station. This sum is to provide for rent from the 1st July to the end of the year.

Approved.

A GRATUITY TO MR. T. L. PERKINS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of £1,000 on account of Miscellaneous Services, Gratuity to Mr. T. L. Perkins.

The CHAIRMAN: This is for payment of a gratuity to Mr. Perkins of £1,000. On the departure of Mr. Perkins from the Colony, His Excellency referred to the excellent work done by him as Director of Public Works. I have no doubt that this special recognition will be approved by hon. members.

Approved.

A HARBOUR OFFICE VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$4,000 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, Other Charges, Repairs and Stores for Launches.

The CHAIRMAN: The launch H.D.1 has had very expensive overhaul which was not foreseen, costing \$4,108. The annual expenditure is usually \$1,400. Owing to typhoons this year, the ordinary expenditure on repairs to H.D. launches has been \$1,200 more than expected.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. LANG: Are these launches insured against typhoon risks?

The CHAIRMAN: I do not think they are insured at all. I do not think any Government buildings or property are insured. It does not pay. We have so many of them it really pays to do our own insurance.

Approved.

PENSIONS FOR FIREMAN'S WIDOW.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$25 per month on account of Charitable Services, Charitable Pension to Chan Sam Nui, widow of the late Fireman No. 75, Chu Yan.

The CHAIRMAN: The deceased was killed by the breaking of a turn-table extension ladder, and as he met his death in the course of his duty it is proposed to make provision for his widow to the extent of two-thirds of the salary he has been drawing.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: Is this only one payment of \$25?

The CHAIRMAN: \$25 per month.

Approved.

PURCHASE OF MOTOR LOHRIES AND CARS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$11,275 in aid of the following votes:

Sanitary Department, Special	
Expenditure—	
2 Motor Refuse Lorries ..	\$8,338.00
2 Motor Vans ..	1,500.00
2 Motor Cars ..	1,000.00
1 Portable Disinfectant ..	11.00
Total ..	\$11,275.00

The CHAIRMAN: The amounts provided in the estimates are for two motor refuse lorries, two motor vans, two motor cars and one portable disinfectant. All these have been exceeded by the amounts shown in the minute. The lorries finally bought after much correspondence and discussion, were two Albion lorries and they cost with all expenses £2,807. 10s. each. The two motor vans are Cubitt vans costing £720, and the two motor cars are also Cubitts, the extra amount for the last two being \$1,000.

The Hon. Mr. LANG: Is this on account of exchange?

The CHAIRMAN: No. Since the estimates were framed we got English cars, lorries and vans of a type we thought the best. We are getting better vehicles and English ones. I understand we have got very good value for our money.

Approved.

STAMPS AND STAMPING MACHINES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$4,000 in aid of the following votes:

Treasury, Stamp Office—	
Other Charges: Stamps, etc. ..	\$ 600.00
Special Expenditure: Stamping Machines ..	4,000.00
Total ..	\$4,600.00

The CHAIRMAN: The estimates for expenditure on stamps from the Crown Agents was exceeded owing to the increased consumption necessitating a large order. The stamping machines were ordered to replace worn-out machines. They are expected shortly and will be debited in this year's account. They were not included in the 1923 estimate as it was not until 1923 that it was found necessary to replace the old ones.

Approved.

This concluded the proceedings.

NOT A MOVING PICTURE

SHOW.

BUT VERY LIKE IT.

An incident worthy of several feet of film in any big comedy picture occurred in Hongkong on Wednesday afternoon. Unfortunately, however, it did not have the same happy results that one usually sees at the picture show.

The driver of a car was cranking up his machine, No. 406, outside the Moon Garage in Queen's Road West, apparently oblivious of the fact that the engine was in gear. Suddenly the car started, knocking the man down and running over him. It continued its course for about fifty yards, when it was brought up against an electric standard, but not before it had knocked over an amah who happened to be passing. Both the driver and the woman were sent to hospital for treatment.

HONGKONG WOMEN'S GUILD AND M.C.L. BAZAAR.

RESULTS OF THE RAFFLES.

The results of the Raffles at the Bazaar held at Government House last Saturday under the auspices of the Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League was as follows:

PEARL STALL.
Table and two chairs. Winning No. 30—Mrs. Goldsmith.
Tea service. Winning No. 43—G. R. More.

MILITARY STALL.
Two water-colour drawings. Winning No. 44—Mrs. Littlejohns.

POLICE STALL.
Men's Raffles:
1st prize (301)—G. Layton.
2nd " (106)—C. Kwong.
3rd " (153)—C. G. Perdue.
4th " (103)—W. W. Anderson.
5th " (212)—A. Miall.
6th " (200)—Mr. D'Almada.
7th " (123)—D. Burlingham.
8th " (204)—G. Hogg.

Second Raffles:
1st prize (163)—W. B. McWalter.
2nd " (150)—Wong Hung.
3rd " (137)—Miss Marion Wolfe.
4th " (191)—Mrs. Van Andel.
5th " (203)—J. M. Alves.
6th " (133)—Mrs. Shum Luk.
7th " (133)—Mrs. Cassidy.
8th " (216)—W. L. Leask.

QUARRY BAY.
Winning No.
(a) 1st prize (34)—Mrs. Stephens.
2nd " (31)—Miss Dorothy Reid.
(b) 1st prize (9)—Rolly A. Meng.
2nd " (21)—Mrs. Templeton.
3rd " (111)—Hong Kok Sang.
4th " (3)—Mrs. W. Bell.
5th " (123)—Mrs. Wing.

CHILDREN'S CLUB STALL.
Winning No.
1st prize (70)—Mrs. Milner Jones.
2nd " (17)—Miss Grayburn.
3rd " (82)—Mrs. T. Arthur.
4th " (85)—Mrs. Alabaster.

VICTORIA STALL.

Desert Service:
Winning No. (213)—L. E. Gutierrez.

Second Raffles:
1st prize (166)—
2nd " (31)—Mrs. Mayer.
3rd " (107)—Mrs. Hickling.

HONGKONG HELP FOR LONDON HOSPITAL.

A GLOWING ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

A melancholy interest attaches to the following letter which has come to hand from Lord Knutsford, for since the remittance which it acknowledges was sent Mrs. Frost has passed away. As is well known in the Colony Mrs. Frost, who had been trained as a nurse, was an assiduous collector of contributions towards the support of the London Hospital, and the following is Lord Knutsford's tribute to her last effort:

London Hospital,
Whitechapel, E.1.
23rd, October, 1923.

DEAR MRS. FROST:—Will you forgive me for beginning like this and dropping the "Dear Madam," but you have been such a splendid friend to the "London," that I am really moved out of formality. Your husband, in sending me a cheque for £133 17s. 8d., tells me that it has been collected by you. However am I to thank you? A sum like this in these hard times is a positive Godsend over here when I hardly know where to turn for help. I wonder if you can pass on something of my gratitude (intercepting a very great deal for yourself) to all who gave a helping hand in the raffle and other ways. All deserve rewards of the very best, but I can only offer thanks—not mine only—but those of our sick people whom this splendid gift will enable us to help. In view of your keen interest in the "London," it occurs to me that you might perhaps turn over, and having done that, to pass round a little book I am sending under separate cover as the most trifling of gifts. My Secretary had the check to write it about my doings as a beggar, and although there is too much about me in it, there is quite a lot that is interesting and amusing as regards Hospital work.—Yours very truly,
KNUTSFORD.

SEQUEL TO A HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

ALLEGED ACCESSORY CHARGED.

As a sequel to a highway robbery, at Taikotsui on Monday, when an old Chinese woman from the New Territories was robbed of \$144 in Chinese twenty-cent pieces, a Chinese named Cheung Sau, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy yesterday, with being an accessory before the fact, while another woman faced a charge of being a principal in the second degree to the highway robbery.

Detective Inspector T. Murphy said that it was alleged that the male defendant invited the complainant to his house and suggested that she bring the money to buy a child. The woman is alleged to have acted as a decoy in that she induced the complainant to accompany her to the spot where she was robbed.

The case was remanded, the Magistrate fixing the hearing of the case for Tuesday next.

HIGH-CLASS PROVISIONS.

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ROQUEFORT (Fromage Blue) ...	1.20
ENGLISH CHEDDAR ...	1.20
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CAMEMBERT ...	1.10
KRAFT (Canadian) ...	.85
" " " " " in Sealed tins	.70

WE HAVE JUST LANDED A CONSIGNMENT OF ENGLISH HAMS OF THE FINEST QUALITY.

ROYAL YORK, Whole ...	per lb. \$1.50
" Half ...	1.60
DEVONSHIRE (Boneless) ...	1.50
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Toys for Children to please all ages in
great variety.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

MR. W. A. STEPHENS has been appointed Manager of the **North & South China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.** and will take up his new duties from **JANUARY 1st** next.

Mr. H. C. SHREVE succeeds Mr. Stephens as Manager for Hongkong and South China. [1716]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION, AUSTRALASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

HONGKONG STATION.

FROM 14TH DECEMBER, 1923, and until further notice, Mr. M. E. F. AIRY will be in charge of the above Company's Station at Hongkong.

R. M. MACALPINE, (Superintendent). [1712]

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE.

ANNUAL BALL, 1924.

MEMBERS are reminded that their List of Invitations should be forwarded to the Undersecretary by the 15th DECEMBER, 1923.

H. E. HOLLANDS, Ball Secretary. [1714]

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB** will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARVIS, MARSH & CO., Ltd., Hongkong, on **FRIDAY, the 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1923, at 5.15 P.M.**

To receive from the Committee a Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1923.

To Elect Officers, Members of the Committee, and an Auditor for the ensuing year.

To decide on any Resolution which may be submitted to the Secretary and Treasurer Four days prior to the Meeting.

Any other business.

By Order of the Committee, **PERCY SMITH, BETH & FLEMING,** Secretaries and Treasurers. Hongkong, 14th December, 1923.

Nominations for Members of the General Committee should reach the Secretary and Treasurer Not later than 5 P.M. on **MONDAY, the 17th DECEMBER, 1923.** [1716]

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

COMPETITIONS for the **WMAS HOLIDAYS, 1923**, at **FANLING**, have been posted in the usual Clubhouses.

PERCY SMITH, BETH & FLEMING, Secretaries and Treasurers. [1717]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911-1921

IN THE MATTER OF THE SIK HING NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 188 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, that a **GENERAL MEETING** of the **MEMBERS** of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. **PERCY SMITH, BETH & FLEMING, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 1924, at 11 O'CLOCK NOON**, for the purpose of having an Account laid before them showing the manner in which the Winding-up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanations that may be given by the Liquidator, and also of determining by Extraordinary Resolution the manner in which the Books, Accounts and Documents of the Company and of the Liquidator thereof shall be disposed.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1923.

S. HAMPTON ROSE, Liquidator. [1712]

DANCING.

PALACE HOTEL.

THE POPULAR JAZZ BAND

H.M.S. "DESPATCH"

Will Play at the above Hotel on **SATURDAY, the 16th DECEMBER, 1923.**

DANCING—9.15 P.M. [1710]

HONGKONG ART CLUB.

EXHIBITION

ON **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH,** From 10.30 A.M. to 7 P.M.

THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

Admission—50 cents. [1711]

KOWLOON DOCK AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

Will produce the Musical Play

"THE RAJAH OF RAJAPPORE"

on **DECEMBER 14th & 15th**

In aid of **THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.** [1709]

INTIMATIONS

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, BARRING SECTION.

NOTICE.

THE Trains leaving Kowloon at 5.53 P.M. and 8.30 P.M. on **SUNDAYS** and **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS** are hereby Cancelled.

H. P. WINSLOW, Manager. Kowloon, 11th December, 1923. [1705]

NOTICE.

J. P. VASUNIA, who has been carrying on business as Merchant and Commission Agent at Hongkong and Canton, begs to announce that he will henceforth carry on the same business under the Style of **J. P. VASUNIA & COMPANY** at 38, Wyndham Street and at Shamoen, Canton. Hongkong, 12th December, 1923. [1706]

MONIES up to \$175,000, are available for Investment on First Class Mortgage, Security subject to a Trustee Valuation.

DEACON, HARSTON & SHENTON, Messrs. 1, Des Voeux Road Central. [1709]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1923.

THE Board having declared a **FINAL DIVIDEND** of 84% (Eight and a half per cent.), free of Income Tax, for the Year ending 30th JUNE, 1923, Holders of Bearer Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividends on presenting No. 23 Coupon of the Bearer Shares, to either of the following Banks at Shanghai or Tientsin:—

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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The Payments will be made in either Dollars or Taels, as the Holder may wish, at the buying rate of Exchange of the Day.

P. C. YOUNG, General Manager. KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION. [1708]

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NOTICE.

COUPONS.

ON and after 16th DECEMBER, 1923, Books of Coupons will not be sold on the Cars but will be obtainable only at the Company's Office, **ALFRED H. BULLOCK BUILDING, Des Voeux Road Central.**

FUNCH TICKETS.

Owners of Funch Tickets are Warned that these will not be valid after 15th DECEMBER, 1923, and will not be accepted on the Cars after that Date.

Funch Tickets may, however, be returned to the Company's Office when a Coupon of the same Class, or the Cash equivalent of a Coupon of the same Class, will be given in exchange for each unused Ticket.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Monday, 11th December, 1923. [1702]

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

GRAND CONCERT

by the

SOCIETY'S CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA.

THEATRE ROYAL.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 1923.

at 8.15 P.M.

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

Re: PROPOSED ISSUE AT PAR OF DEBENTURES PAYABLE TO BEARERS FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF \$5,000,000.00.

1st JANUARY, 1924—31st DECEMBER, 1933.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above named Company intends shortly to issue and issuing a Prospectus inviting Subscriptions at Par for a Debenture Issue of a total sum of \$5,000,000.00.

The Debentures in question will bear interest at Seven per cent. per annum payable half yearly. The whole of the issue will be underwritten.

The Debentures are to be secured by a specific Mortgage to Trustees of part of the landed property owned by the Company in Hongkong and Shanghai.

The purpose of this Debenture Issue is to enable the Company to extinguish the existing Mortgages of the Company both in respect of the liabilities taken over by the Company under the recent Amalgamation with THE SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, and those incurred by the Company itself. The financial requirements of the Company both in Hongkong and Shanghai will thus be covered by a mortgage whereby a fixed amount of interest will be payable at regular intervals instead of as hitherto at various rates and at irregular times.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an Invitation to the Public to subscribe for Debentures and applications therefor will be received by the Company's Bankers only and when the said Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies and on the footing of such Prospectus and on the Form to be issued therewith.

For and on behalf of **THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.** **WALTER J. HAWKES,** Secretary. Hongkong, 6th December, 1923. [1678]

INTIMATIONS

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER Co., (1918), Ltd.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

will be held at the Office of the Company, **ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th DECEMBER, 1923, at 11 O'CLOCK** in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 7th December, 1923, until Thursday, the 20th December, 1923, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 30th November, 1923. [1669]

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. A/68 for Nine Shares, 24 per share paid up, numbered 93948/93951 in this Society standing in the name of **KWONG SING LUNG** of Yokohama has been declared LOST, and if at the expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above document be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed cancelled and of no effect, and a NEW Certificate for the Nine Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager. Hongkong, 11th December, 1923. [1696]

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, G. W. BARTON, of DOUGLAS, LAIRDALE & CO., General Managers, THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD., HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that in consequence of Change of Ownership, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Ship "REPOSE," gross tonnage about 2,300 tons, register tonnage about 1,005, heretofore owned by U. S. Navy for the purpose of changing her Name to "HAI YING" and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of HONGKONG as owned by THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. Any objections to the proposed Change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within Seven Days from the appearance of this Advertisement.

G. W. BARTON. Hongkong, 8th December, 1923. [1687]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

G. W. BARTON.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY, the 17th day of December, 1923, at 3 P.M.**, at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of **CHOW KOW LAND** above Bowen Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
1	Lot 1, above Bowen Road, South Island.	100 ft. x 100 ft. x 100 ft. x 100 ft.	As per plan.	2,400	3,220

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1	Lot 1, above Bowen Road, South Island.	100 ft. x 100 ft. x 100 ft. x 100 ft.	As per plan.	2,400	3,220

[1704]

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DEATH.

ALBERS.—At Shanghai, on December 7th, **A. E. ALBERS,** Chief Officer s.s. **Yushun** (C.M.S.N. Co.), aged 51 years.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road. London Office: 121, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 14TH, 1923.

THE MEANS OF SALVATION IN CHINA.

In the course of the very outspoken review of the situation in China which he made at the annual dinner of the China Association in London last month Sir JOHN JORDAN, for many years H.M.'s Minister at Peking, let fall some observations on the subject of the proposed Customs surtax which are of special interest at the moment. Emphasising that the constant aim of foreigners and Chinese alike should be to bring about political unity, Sir John directed attention to the opportunity which offers for this in connection with the expectation which the Washington Conference held out for China of a two and a half per cent. increase of the Customs revenue.

On this subject, he remarked, there has been considerable misapprehension. "People have been speculating about the use to be made of the money, as if it were to become a liquid asset the moment the Treaty is ratified." Sir John pointed out that the Treaty provides that the Special Conference which is to deal with this question has to take immediate steps to prepare the way for the speedy abolition of 'likin,' and for the fulfilment of other conditions of the Eighth Article of the British Treaty of 1902, with a view to the levy of surtaxes. The application of the proceeds of this surtax is a matter which is left entirely to the determination of the Conference.

"Now, any arrangement in regard to 'likin' can only be concluded," Sir John said, "in consultation with the provincial authorities, who have also a right to be consulted about the application of the proceeds of the surtax, part of which

they will naturally claim as compensation for the loss of 'likin.' It is on these grounds, he said, that the China Association has urged that the Special Conference should be so enlarged as to embrace a general review of the whole fiscal situation, as offering the most hopeful means of reconciling the differences between Peking and the provinces and of furthering the political reunification of the country. The application of the increased revenues is attended with great difficulty. "To give them to Peking would expose the Powers to the charge of supporting and favouring a Government to which the provinces object, and might even lead to undesirable attempts to interfere with the Customs Administration."

This is precisely the argument which Dr. SUN YAT SEN'S Government is using in its threat to seize and control the present Maritime Customs revenues of the province of Kwangtung. The Customs surplus is going to Peking, and it goes, directly or indirectly, to finance the war against the province. By objecting to the provincial authorities' retaining these revenues, the Powers are "favouring a Government to which the provinces object." That is the sum and substance of Dr. Sun's argument. Only forcible intervention by the Powers can prevent the *de facto* Government of the province exercising authority over the Customs. We cannot see how any claim to interfere on legal grounds could be maintained. If there is default in meeting obligations secured on the Customs, the Powers must seek redress from Peking, for the pledges were given by the Central Government established there. But while we have provinces of China claiming to be independent of the Government in Peking, they recognise that they form part of the state of China, and therefore, some forcible appeal must be made to the moral sense of responsibility of these provincial governments to dissuade them from taking a step which will further discredit the already tarnished name of China in the financial markets of the world, to which all recognise she must eventually look for substantial help if reorganisation, reconstruction, progress, and development are to be the watchwords of the future. If Dr. SUN carries out his announced intention to control the Customs revenues of his province he will strike a blow at China's financial credit in the world which will leave its mark on the country for a generation or more. It is therefore to be sincerely hoped that, the imminence of this action will persuade the political leaders of the country to come at once to some arrangement whereby such a calamity may be averted, and to act promptly on the suggestion that the China Association has been urging for the enlargement of the Special Conference on the Customs surtax question so as to embrace a general review of the whole fiscal situation. This is manifestly what Sir JOHN JORDAN described it to be—the most hopeful means of reunification and of reconciling the differences of Peking and the provinces.

Six American destroyers arrived in port yesterday from Manila.

The annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club is advertised to be held on Friday next.

Nineteen cases of small-pox—all of them Chinese—were notified in the Colony during the 24 hours ended Wednesday.

The route to America via the Commercial Pacific Cable is interrupted. Telegrams are being forwarded via the Atlantic.

The s.s. *Huankan* has reported to the Harbour Office sighting a derelict junk four miles to the South of Cape Kiam Lighthouse.

The Canton Government is paying compensation to the French Hospital (\$5,140), the Canton Hospital (\$375), and the Tung Light Seminary School (\$337) as compensation for resuming part of their premises on the Bund for public improvements, i.e. the making of side walks.

At the Marine Court, yesterday, five Chinese were fined \$25 each for making fast their boats to the s.s. *Hailong* and the s.s. *Hanyang* whilst the vessels were under way. Another Chinese named Cheung Yau was fined \$10 for taking his boat outside the harbour limits without a permit.

The proprietor of a Siam newspaper and the editor have been each sentenced to "four years" imprisonment and the former, in addition, ordered to pay 1,000 ticals or undergo an extra year's imprisonment, for detaining the King and Queen. Evidence was heard in camera.

The teaching staffs of the schools at Canton have resumed duty on an assurance that "the other half of their salaries for September" will be paid this week.

Yesterday, shortly after the fifth hour, three armed robbers entered No. 1, Park Street, held up the inmates, and got away with a quantity of jewellery and clothing.

A man who went on board a steam launch at Canton and demanded "tea money" to the extent of \$60, saying that he was a detective from the Police Headquarters was seized by the crew and taken to the Police Headquarters. After trial he was sentenced to death and promptly executed.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday approved a recommendation by H.E. the Governor for the payment of a gratuity of 21,000 sterling to Mr. T. L. Perkins, who retired from the post of Director of Public Works, on pension, early in the present year. The gratuity is in recognition of the arduous and valuable work done by Mr. Perkins during his occupancy of the post.

Sir HUGH CUNLIFFE OWEN, Bart, Chairman of the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., and Lady Cunliffe Owen, accompanied by Mr. J. D. Gilliam and Mr. K. Stanley Smith, Directors of the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., who arrived from London by the Blue Funnel steamer *Patroclus*, visited Canton on the 12th inst. and left yesterday by the same steamer for Shanghai. Mr. William Morris and the Earl of Gosford, Directors of the British American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd., who arrived last Sunday, also left by the same steamer.

The Government has granted the use of the Central British School at Kowloon, to Union Church, to carry on the work of the Church in Kowloon until the projected Church is built. Services are to be held in the school from the beginning of the year. The Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, who is at present indisposed, wrote regretting his inability to attend a social gathering held at the school on Wednesday evening in connection with the extension of the activities of Union Church in Kowloon, but giving a warm welcome to Union Church in Kowloon.

The monthly water return gives the storage in the reservoirs supplying the City as 2,028 million gallons on the 1st December compared with 1,250 million gallons on the same date last year. The consumption was 247 million gallons, against 182 million during November last year, being intermittent last year and constant for three weeks out of the four this year. At Kowloon the storage is 268 million gallons against 334 million last year, and the month's consumption, on full supply both years, was 68 million gallons this year against 53 million gallons in November, 1922.

U.S. DESTROYERS IN HONGKONG.

"U.S. MARINES BROUGHT TO HONGKONG."

Yesterday morning six American destroyers entered Hongkong harbour and at present they are moored in the Naval Anchorage. These vessels are *The Perry*, *The Polk*, *The Pillsbury*, *The Preston*, *The Sicard*, and the *Non*. The destroyers have been "rushed" to Hongkong under special instructions, probably in connection with the present trouble regarding the Maritime Customs at Canton. This view is somewhat strengthened by the presence of a number of American marines on board the destroyers. The marines have been transferred from the U.S. flagship *Huron*.

PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

The items to be given by the Philharmonic Society at their forthcoming concert, are as varied as it is possible to have them. Included in the programme is "The Incheape Rock," the well-known ballad of Sir Ralph the Rover who sank the bell of the Incheape Rock and was later drowned on the same spot. Sir Frederick has adopted an intriguing subject for his theme and has invested his music in keeping with the story. Elgar's "Banner of St. George" relates the deliverance by St. George of Sabra, a princess, from a dragon. The scoring, on the choral side as well as the orchestral, has been carried out with all Elgar's brilliancy and fineness of detail, and the stirring chorus is a typical example of his use of a marching melody. There are other items in a diversified programme, destined to bring out to the full the beauty of the voices out to the Society, but sufficient has been said to indicate that a treat is in store for all who attend on Tuesday. Booking is at Andersons.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH POLITICAL SITUATION.

A PROBLEM FOR LIBERALS AND LABOURITES.

LONDON, December 12th.

Mr. Baldwin's decision to carry on with the Liberal and Labour Parties with a difficult situation, in view of their recognised antagonism. Neither party is likely to do anything to prevent the Government's defeat on the address, but both dislike the prospect of in anywise collaborating to enable the other to carry on if summoned to form a Government.

MR. BALDWIN'S RELUCTANCE TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT.

It is improbable that Mr. Baldwin will again dissolve Parliament, as the Party responsible for another dissolution is certain to be severely punished at the hands of the electors.

LABOUR CONFIDENT THEY CAN CARRY ON GOVERNMENT.

A number of Labour officials are confident regarding the ability of a Labour Government to carry on for at least six months, with a modified domestic and foreign programme, which the Liberals would be bound to support; but such a contingency would depend upon the attitude of the Labour diehards, which is most uncertain.

LORD INCHCAPE'S SIGNIFICANT REMARK.

A remark made by Lord Inchcape, in the course of his speech at the P. and O. meeting, that he did not share the apprehension with which many regarded Labour's advent to power, has furnished an opportune text for discussions on the political situation in the newspapers, which, with a few exceptions, base their calculations on the inevitability of a Labour Government with a few months.

LIBERALS WILL NOT LIFT A FINGER TO SAVE CONSERVATIVES.

There is but little indication at present of Liberal-Conservative co-operation. This is revealed in the Liberal newspapers, which disavow any intention of lifting a finger to save the Conservatives, although they regret the bitter hostility the Labourites are showing towards them.

MR. MACDONALD'S WARNING AGAINST CLASS ANTAGONISM.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in an article in the *New Leader*, rejoicing at the Labour triumph at the polls, declares that class and selfish interests, in their passionate hate of Labour, have thrown off even the appearance of decency. He warns them that if their attempts to divide the nation on lines of property be successful in keeping Labour out, the eventual result will be "to bring in a Labour, far rougher in mind and temper, than that which won such signal victories last week."

LABOUR'S CONFIDENCE IN MR. MACDONALD.

LONDON, December 12th.

"A joint meeting of the Executive of the Labour Party and the General Council of the Trade Union Congress, held in London, passed a resolution expressing complete confidence in Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, also expressing confidence that if he be called upon to take high office he will have the support of the entire Labour movement."

The meeting also passed a resolution that, in view of the extreme gravity of unemployment, the Government's plans to deal with this—the gravest of all the problems confronting the nation—should be immediately announced.

LABOUR PREPARING FOR THE NEXT CONTEST.

LONDON, December 12th.

The executive of the Labour Party has decided in the event of Labour being invited to form a Government that their Parliamentary Party immediately accept full responsibility for the Government of the country, without compromising itself with any form of coalition.

LONDON, December 12th.

The Labour executive has passed a resolution in view of the critical parliamentary position, and the possibility of another election, requesting Mr. Arthur Henderson and the headquarters staff of regional officers immediately to prepare for the next contest, which will be the most momentous in the history of Labour.

GOVERNMENT WILL DROP TARIFF PROPOSALS.

LONDON, December 12th.

It is authoritatively stated that the programme with which the Government will meet Parliament will not include Mr. Baldwin's tariff proposals, but it is most probable that measures for Empire development agreed on at the Imperial Conference other than those of a Protectionist character will be put in the forefront, for example the extension of trade credits, the improvement of communications, and preference in Imperial contracts.

Mr. Asquith has replied to a correspondent: "There is no foundation for the foolish inventions that Liberals will seek an alliance with the Conservatives."

TWO MORE CONSERVATIVES RETURNED.

LONDON, December 12th.

Sir Charles Oman and Lord Hugh Cecil, Conservatives, have been elected for Oxford University, with a majority of 240 over Professor Gilbert Murray (Liberal).

MR. R. MACDONALD ON INTER-ALLIED DEBTS.

NO VICTIMISATION OF BRITAIN.

BRUSSELS, December 12th.

The views recently expressed in a French interview by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald have quickly been taken up by the Chamber during a debate, the Premier, M. Thureau, replying to criticisms by the Socialist, M. Vandervelde, who asserted that Mr. MacDonald's first declaration after the Labour success at the polls was that he would insist on payment of the inter-allied debts. M. Vandervelde said that such a declaration would contradict the engagements taken at the Frankfurt conference, and if Mr. MacDonald did not honour these engagements they would know how to recall them to him.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald made a statement to-night, saying that what he told his interviewer was, if there was no general settlement Britain could not continue to pay her American debt and allow France, which was industrially better off than Britain, to disregard her obligations to us. He emphasises: "We never will agree to anything which victimises Britain in the interests of any other State."

LATEST CABLES.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION SPACE PRACTICALLY ALL TAKEN UP.

LONDON, December 12th.

It is officially announced that space open to exhibitors at the British Empire Exhibition has been practically all taken up.

The Palace of Industry was over applied for and only 14,500 sq. feet out of 301,637 sq. feet in the Palace of Engineering was unapplied for.

EARLIER CABLES.

CRIMINAL LIBEL CASE AGAINST LORD A. DOUGLAS

DEFENDANT IN THE WITNESS BOX.

LONDON, December 12th.

On the resumption of the Douglas case, Lord Alfred Douglas gave evidence. Replying to Mr. Justice Avey with regard to an article which the Judge said suggested that Earl Balfour and Mr. Churchill had withheld the truth with regard to Jutland on account of Sir Ernest Cassel, the accused said it was written jocularly and sarcastically, and as the statements were not contradicted he considered he had a prescriptive right to believe they were true. The Judge retorted: "That won't do." Lord Alfred Douglas when leaving the witness box passionately exclaimed that it was most unfair he had not had a chance of putting his case to a jury. It was farcical.

Captain Harold Spencer gave evidence alleging that Sir Edward Pack told him on June 2nd, 1916, that the false report of Jutland was Mr. Winston Churchill's work. This Sir Edward Pack had previously denied. Capt. Spencer also alleged that Mr. Churchill at Dundee in 1919 told him he had issued the Jutland report to get money out of the Yanks. Cross-examined by the Attorney General, Capt. Spencer admitted that he had been twice convicted, but did not admit that he had thrice been certified to be suffering from delusional insanity. The case was further adjourned.

WORLD-WIDE DRUG TRAFFIC JAPANESE RECEIVES HEAVY SENTENCE IN LONDON.

LONDON, December 12th.

Yasukichi Miyagawa, the Japanese arrested a month ago, has been sentenced to three years' penal servitude at the Old Bailey. Counsel stated that the authorities were of opinion he was the largest trafficker in drugs ever brought to justice.

His consignment of morphine hydrochloride seized by the police at Marseilles was valued at nine thousand sterling. Counsel said the Home Office knew that very large consignments of drugs had been smuggled into Japan in recent years, and some had found their way into China and India, and even back to Britain. They went all over the world, and there was no control over them once they had passed through legitimate hands. Miyagawa, trafficked enormously in drugs, not only with a firm in Switzerland but also a firm in Hamburg. The prisoner exported £37,590 worth of heroin from Hamburg in the last week of October. He was backed by a very powerful and wealthy organisation. Representations had been made to the German Government, and there had been many arrests in Hamburg during the last few days. The Recorder said the prisoner would be recommended for deportation, and would have to pay all the expenses of the prosecution.

P. & O. CO'S DECREASED EARNINGS.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCES A DISTURBING INFLUENCE.

LONDON, December 12th.

Lord Inchcape, at the P. & O. meeting, said he regretted that, with a few exceptions, the earnings on every voyage of P. & O. steamers during the past twelve months had been below the disbursements. The company were reluctantly compelled to reduce the wages of their staffs, and further reductions might be necessary to keep the ships at sea and cover working charges. He suggested that unemployment might be remedied if the trade unions suspended their regulations with regard to minimum rates of wages and restriction of hours of labour output, and gave economic conditions free play for a year or two so that costs of production would decrease and world markets would be found for the increased output of British manufacturers. Imperial Conferences were undoubtedly very valuable to the Empire, but were a somewhat disturbing influence on domestic affairs.

He hoped when the next Imperial Conference be arranged, it will be one of the conditions, that any mention of Imperial preference or tariffs be rigidly excluded from the discussion. He would rule out free trade within the Empire, but as most of the Dominions depended largely on revenue from high tariffs he was afraid for many years this would not be a practical proposition. He believed the different units of the Empire would hold together better if each were left free to carry on in the way apparently best suited to its own conditions.

GERMANY AT THE END OF HER TETHER.

BERLIN, December 12th.

Addressing foreign Pressmen, Chancellor Marx said Germany was at the end of her tether, and officials, including even judges, intended to demonstrate tomorrow against the totally inadequate level to which salaries had been reduced.

CONCESSION TO CIVIL SERVANTS.

LONDON, December 12th.

H.M. the King has ordered that Civil Servants of the Foreign, Colonial and India Offices, who are required to serve in tropical or sub-tropical, or unhealthy climates outside their country of origin, be eligible for admission to the King Edward the Seventh Home for Convalescent Officers at Osborne.

INTER-VARSITY "SOCCER" EXCITING MATCH ENDS IN A DRAW.

LONDON, December 12th.

At the Crystal Palace the Inter-Varsity "soccer" match opened in dull weather, before five thousand spectators. Cambridge and Oxford drew, one goal aside. Good work by the Cambridge forwards resulted in the centre forward Hillary scoring after three minutes. The game was fast and interesting. Cambridge continued to do well, but towards the interval Oxford were frequently attacking. At half time Cambridge led by one goal to nil. On the resumption, there was a dingoing struggle. After twenty-three minutes Oxford equalised through the centre half, Chaddler, heading in from a corner. Both sides made most strenuous efforts to gain the lead, and both goals had narrow escapes. A very exciting game, however, ended in a draw.

NEW HOME FOR LLOYDS.

LONDON, December 12th.

Underwriters at Lloyd's have decided to erect a new home at Leadenhall Street, as their business has outgrown the accommodation in the Royal Exchange.

LATEST CABLES. [REUTERS AMERICAN SERVICE.]

THE MEXICAN REBELLION. REBELS CLAIM ANOTHER VICTORY.

VERACRUZ, December 12th.

Rebel Headquarters claim that the towns of Merida and Progreso, in the Yucatan, have gone over to their side.

EARLIER CABLES.

A PERPLEXING SITUATION.

NEW YORK, December 12th.

The Mexican situation at present is perplexing owing to the impossibility of reconciling the conflicting reports from Government and from Rebel sources, respectively, but it is apparent the Rebel forces are unopposed and are moving along two lines of railway from Vera Cruz, and rapidly approaching Mexico City. One force has reached Apizaco and the other Esperanza.

AMERICAN WOMEN FAVOUR WORLD COURT.

WASHINGTON, December 12th.

A delegation of five women from Minnesota has called on Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hughes with a petition to contain a hundred thousand names in favour of American participation in the World Court. Similar demonstrations are being organised by the League of Women Voters.

REPARATIONS INVESTIGATION.

U.S. PRESS FAVOURS AMERICAN PARTICIPATION.

NEW YORK, December 12th.

The newspapers welcome the American participation in the investigations by two expert committees established by the Reparations Commission, and hope that something will emerge from this tending to a ameliorate the situation.

PANAMA CANAL TOLLS.

WASHINGTON, December 12.

In the Senate, Mr. Borah introduced Bill to repeal the Panama Canal tolls as far as they affect American coastal shipping. The Bill has been referred to a committee.

LATEST CABLES.

U.S. PRESIDENCY.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT CLEVELAND.

WASHINGTON, December 12th.

The Republican National Convention for the nomination of the Republican candidate for the Presidency will be held at Cleveland on June 10th.

HOME OF WASHINGTON'S ANCESTORS.

SCHEME FOR PRESERVATION.

PHILADELPHIA, December 12th.

At a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution it was resolved to raise funds to preserve the home of Washington's ancestors at Sulgrave (England).

LORD BIRKENHEAD ON IMPERIAL DESTINY.

IDEALISM IMPRACTICABLE.

"WORLD'S GLITTERING PRIZES."

The Earl of Birkenhead was installed as Lord Rector of Glasgow University last month. He received a boisterous welcome from the students in St. Andrew's Hall, when he delivered a striking Bectorial address, on "Idealism in International Politics."

After having defined idealism as "the spirit which impels an individual or group of individuals to a loftier standard of conduct than that which ordinarily prevails around him or them," he said the school of Idealism is the very antithesis of the school of self-interest. "And yet," he added, "nothing is more apparent than that, politically, economically, and philosophically, the most selfish interest must be, but must be, and ought to be, the mainspring of human conduct."

Referring to the Great War, and the birth of the League of Nations, he said that, untaught by previous experience, undeterred by the shattering refutation of their beliefs which the Great War brought with it, the Idealists immediately had the temerity to exploit its outbreak for their own controversial purposes. "Once they argued, the ploughshare had ousted the weapons of war there was to be no further declension into primal savagery—and we were to have a League of Nations."

While he thought that there was and still is a modest area in which the League might make useful contribution to the harmony of the world, the larger claims made on its behalf seemed to him to be "frankly fantastic."

"Idealism in national affairs," said Lord Birkenhead, "is not merely impracticable, but may easily degenerate into a deadly source of national peril. . . . The world continues to offer glittering prizes to those who have stout hearts and sharp swords; it is therefore extremely improbable that the experience of future ages will differ in any material respect from that which has happened since the twilight of the human race."

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NANKING UNIVERSITY LIBRARY DESTROYED.

SHANGHAI, December 12th.

A telegram from Nanking states that a large quadrangle of the national South Eastern University was destroyed by fire yesterday.

The library, containing 3,000 English and 30,000 Chinese books, is almost a total loss.

The damage is estimated at nearly \$300,000.

WU PEI FU'S CHIEF-OF-STAFF MADE GOVERNOR OF HONAN.

PEKING, December 12th.

A mandate was issued last night relieving Chang Feng Tai of his position as Governor of Honan and appointing General Li Chi Chau (Chief-of-Staff to General Wu Pei Fu) his successor.

EARL CAVAN'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE CANCELLED.

LONDON, December 12th.

In view of the present circumstances the proposed visit of Earl Cavan to Singapore and the Dominions has been cancelled.

DOES IT MEAN ABANDONMENT OF SINGAPORE SCHEME?

LONDON, December 12th.

The *Daily News* interprets the announcement regarding Earl Cavan as a virtual abandonment of the Singapore scheme, pointing out that a large majority of Parliament are hostile to the scheme; but official quarters state that the change in plans is due to the desirability of Earl Cavan remaining in London to act as adviser in the event of a new War Secretary being appointed.

MANUFACTURE OF COTTON TEXTILES IN THE EAST.

JAPAN THE ONLY NATION TO BE RECKONED WITH.

LONDON, December 12th.

In a lecture at Manchester, Mr. E. Bingham, who has recently toured India and the Far East in the interest of makers of textile machinery, said that the best cotton mills in Bombay were mainly under European management. Many of these mills had an excellent appearance, but working conditions could be improved in many cases. The majority of these mills would be condemned by our own factory inspectors if only owing to the temperature and the humidity. He said that after noting the adverse working conditions in India and China it was a real pleasure to visit the mills in Japan. Workers in the Japanese mills were energetic, cleanly and industrious, and the mills generally were excellently arranged, while their upkeep was good. He had little doubt but that the Japanese were the only nation in the Far East that had to be seriously reckoned with in the cotton trade.

SENSATIONAL AFFAIR IN SHANGHAI.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER WOUNDED BY BANDITS.

SHANGHAI, December 12th.

A foreign Special Police officer was severely wounded in the thigh and arm with revolver shots during an affray with automobile bandits last night.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S DEFAULT.

POLITICAL INSTABILITY OF CHINA.

PARIS, December 12th.

M. Poincare, replying to a letter from M. Tardieu on behalf of a number of holders of the Chinese five per cent 1913 issue, who have not been paid dividends since September, 1921, states that as far as this particular loan is concerned the Chinese Government can invoke no valid reason to justify non-payment of dividends. French diplomacy continued to urge the absolute necessity for China's respecting her obligation with regard to French holders of the loan. The political instability of China had rendered vain the steps hitherto taken in the matter by the French Legation at Peking, but negotiations would be renewed as soon as a new Government be constituted, and would be followed up with all regard to French interests.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S RELIEF MEASURES.

PREMIER OUTLINES STEPS TO BE TAKEN.

TOKYO, December 12th.

The Premier addressed both Houses of the Diet and referred to the circumstances under which the Cabinet was formed. He outlined the steps taken by the Imperial Government to afford relief for sufferers, and spoke feelingly of the debt of gratitude due by the entire Japanese nation to the nations abroad which had hastened to Japan's relief. He urged that the Japanese people endeavour to show their appreciation by exerting increased efforts to promote international friendship.

RESTORATION EXPENDITURES.

On the subject of restoration, the Premier said that the Government desired, primarily, to aid the people and confine expenditures within the limits of its resources. In this connection bills would be submitted to the special session of the Diet and general matters would be discussed at the opening of the regular session.

WORLD'S GREATEST BARRAGE.

SUKKUR SCHEME BEGUN.

The Deccan irrigation works have accustomed the Bombay public to the immense magnitude of modern undertakings in this Presidency. Even so, it is difficult to appreciate the significance of the scheme at Sukkur, on October 24th, when the foundation was laid of the barrage, which will irrigate five hundred thousand more acres than the total cultivated area in Egypt. Assuan furnishes an inadequate comparison, and new standards of comparison have become necessary.

The Sukkur barrage, the largest in the world, will carry two bridges across the Indus, each more than five times the length of London Bridge. Three of the seven canals to be constructed will be wider than the Suez Canal, the largest being 205 miles long; the central rice canal will have a discharge equal to that of the Thames.

The excavation work on the canals involves the moving of ten thousand million cubic feet of earth, equivalent to four Suez Canals or one hundred Great Pyramids. The irrigated lands will produce an annual crop of two million tons of grain and cotton. The total estimated cost of the scheme is over £12,000,000.—*Times*.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM IN MYSORE.

At the concluding Session of the Mysore Representative Assembly in October, Mr. A. R. Banerji, C.S.I., C.I.E., read a Royal Proclamation of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore, announcing to the people of the State the anticipated constitutional reforms.

The Proclamation stated that the Representative Assembly will henceforth be placed on a statutory basis, with enlarged functions, and will be consulted about the levying of all new taxes and the general principles of all measures of legislation. It will possess the power of moving resolutions on matters relating to public administration and on the general principles underlying the State Budget. In determining the composition of the Assembly provision will be made for the adequate representation of special interests and minorities.

The Legislative Council will also be enlarged, the elected element increased, and a statutory non-official majority ensured. The Council will be empowered to vote on the Budget except on those matters which are specially excluded. The Government will have power to restore any provision disallowed by the Council if they consider that such a course is necessary to the proper discharging of Government responsibility. They will also have power to authorize, in an emergency, such expenditure as may be necessary for the safety and tranquillity of the State.

NEW CONSTITUTION OF NIGERIA.

The Legislative Council for the Colony and the Southern Provinces of the Protectorate of Nigeria, created by Order in Council in November, 1922, met, for the first time, at Lagos in October.

The new Council consists of the Governor as President; twenty-six official members; three elected members representing the municipal area of Lagos; one elected member representing the municipal area of Calabar; and twelve nominated non-official members.

The creation of this Legislative Council is a notable advance upon anything that hitherto has been attempted in Nigeria in the direction of popular representation and participation in the practical work of government.

KENYA INDIANS' FRANCHISE TEST.

Sir Robert Coryndon (Governor of Kenya Colony) has offered the Indians a wide literary test for the franchise, the only qualification being ability to read and write a language in common use in the Colony.

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ROYAL MARRIAGE. BRILLIANT CEREMONY.

In the tiny Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on November 3rd, the Lady Louise Mountbatten, second daughter of the late Marquis of Milford Haven and the late Princess Victoria, Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven, was wedded to his Royal Highness, Gustav Adolf, Crown Prince of Sweden. Simple in itself, and with a homely setting altogether delightful, the ceremony brought together a distinguished company, in which were included two Kings and four Queens. Simple, too, is the interior of the tiny Chapel, and perhaps it was just that absence of ostentation in the fabric of the historic building which invested the rite with an air of extraordinary intimacy. The wood-paneled and painted ceiling, sometimes attributed to Holbein, and the cream-colored walls were bare of any decoration. Only around the altar were banked masses of white chrysanthemums, thrown into dazzling prominence by shaded lights. Apart from this the only illumination came from soft green-jaded candles, which shed a subdued light upon the beautiful dresses of the Court, and the brilliant uniforms of the Ambassador, and the Swedish Envoy. A scene of vivid contrasts in colour, as, indeed, it was bound to be in a gathering where, with the exception of a dozen or so, every man wore the uniform of his rank. The scarlet and gold of the Diplomatic Corps blended with the lovely tulle of the ladies, while in the organ loft above the choir, in their quaint Tudor scarlet tunics stood out boldly against the unadorned whiteness of the walls.

So limited is the accommodation within the Chapel that special provision had to be made on either side of the altar for the members of the Royal families. Gilded chairs with crimson cushions were placed in two blocks, and in the brilliant group which occupied them five of the reigning houses of Europe were represented.

A ROYAL COMEDY.

During the assembling of the guests the organ filled the Chapel with a sweet melody of sound. The first of the Royal house to arrive was Prince Mary Viscountess Lascelles, with her husband. They were followed by Princess Alice and Princess Louise, and then came the Duke and Duchess of York. The accommodation of this little group provided a delightful domestic comedy. First the Duke of York was shown to his seat next to Princess Louise; then the Gentleman Usher, turning to the Duchess, escorted her to a chair four places removed from her husband. The Duke, looking first at the empty chairs and then at his wife, smiled, and with the merest inclination of the head motioned the Duchess to join him. The Duchess smiled back, and beckoned the Duke to her side; but in this little play of smiles and glances the Duke won, and the Duchess moved along to sit by her husband. The arrival of the Prince of Wales almost immediately led to another delightful little contretemps. The Duchess had appropriated the seat reserved for the Prince, but just when the game of general post seemed likely to begin all over again Prince George came up, and in true princely spirit gave up his place to the Duke of York, and so enabled the latter to rejoin the Duchess. All were smiling when this little comedy ended so happily for all concerned.

It was now within five minutes of the hour fixed for the ceremony, and the guests rose at the entry of the King and Queen (the latter in a dress of pale blue, with brown fur and a pale blue toque), Queen Alexandra, the King of Sweden, and Queen Olga of Greece. Scarcely had they been seated when the bridegroom, a distinguished figure in the uniform of a Swedish general, arrived with his brother Prince William. The Archbishop of Canterbury, with whom were the Bishop of London and Prebendary Percival, had already proceeded to the altar, when the choir took up the sweet refrain of the hymn, "Lead us, heavenly Father," and the bridal procession appeared in the chapel entrance.

THE BRIDAL PROCESSION.

The bride, a stately figure as she walked down the aisle on the arm of her brother, Lord Milford Haven, wore a gown of Indian silver gauze, and carried a simple bouquet of lilies of the valley, in which sprays of myrtle were mingled. Her veil of Honiton lace, reaching almost to the ground, was that which Queen Victoria gave to her daughter, the late Princess Alice. Her train-bearers were her little-nephew, the Earl of Medley, dressed in a plain white sailor suit, and his sister Lady Tatiana. Behind them followed the four bridesmaids, Princesses Margaret, Theodora, Cecilia and Sophia, daughters of Prince and Princess Andrew of Greece, in gowns of soft apricot georgette, with wreaths of golden leaves in their hair. They carried Tavier bouquets of Devonshire violets, edged with their own leaves, and tied with gold tissue, and they made a beautiful quartette.

The bridegroom, who wore the uniform of a general of the Swedish army, received his bride at the altar steps with a courtly bow, and the simple marriage service commenced. Both the bride and bridegroom made their responses in clear voices, the latter in perfect English without a trace of foreign accent. The solemn pledge having been taken, the Archbishop of Canterbury turned to address them in a few simple words, in the course of which he took opportunity to pay tribute to the great work of the bride's father, the late Prince Louis of Battenberg, on behalf of the Allied cause. It was a most touching reference, delivered with an impressive sincerity.

ARCHBISHOP'S ADDRESS.

"It ought to be," said the Archbishop, "nay, it is, a simple thing to address a Jew words of counsel and God-speed to a bridegroom and bride on such a day as this a simple thing, for it means the giving in quiet words of the straight-forward and prayerful good wishes of thousands of ordinary people belonging to two separate nations, whose thoughts and hopes and prayers turn to-day to this little chapel, the scene of many incidents which have concerned in the last two hundred years the central home life of England. In the presence of us witnesses to-day, the honoured and trusted host to the Throne of a great people—a Prince

who has already won his own place in our hearts—has wedded the daughter of a gallant and well-loved man, to whose presence and firmness and resource England and the Allies of England owe a debt which is not forgotten.

"Go forth, you two, to the task and trust which must be yours. They are already high. They may be yet greater and more sacred as the years run on. Each of you brings thereto experiences of joy and sorrow. You have known the poignant stress and tension to which a great war exposes, and especially in public place, both before and after. It is with such gathered knowledge that you will now face together the varied duties of the coming years. With the mutual society, help, and comfort that the one ought to have of the other, you will find in facing them a power not twice but fivefold, greater than that which either of you could wield apart.

The union we have today knit stands sure till death at last shall part you. God make it fruitful of abounding good. Prayers for you go up to God from English towns and villages, innumerable and from the vast fields and forests of Sweden, with the air of islands at its core. If we dare not in this world anticipate for any hour, high or low, a life of unbroken sunshine and happiness, we can and do expect and pray for a life of unbroken harmony and peace of soul.

You will bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. It is in His name, in His presence, that here as Christians we wish you from our hearts Godspeed.

The service ended, the hymn "May the grace of Christ our Saviour" was sung, and then came the Benediction, with a beautiful rendering of the exquisite Sevenfold Amen of Stainer. In the hush which followed, the bridegroom turned towards his bride, and having lowered to his wife's hand, clasped to his lips and kissed it. The signing of the register in the vestry was quickly over, and as the bride and groom emerged, the Crown Princess with her right hand resting lightly on her husband's arm, the organ broke into a flood of music as Handel's march from "The Occasional Oratorio" was played.

Outside the courtyard of St. James's Palace a great reception awaited the Crown Prince and his bride, for the crowd which had assembled to watch the arrival of the guests had been considerably augmented before the service was over. Cheers broke out on all sides as the bridal carriage emerged from the porchway entrance, and little children of the Swedish colony in London stepped before it to scatter the way with posies of red and white carnations.—Daily Telegraph.

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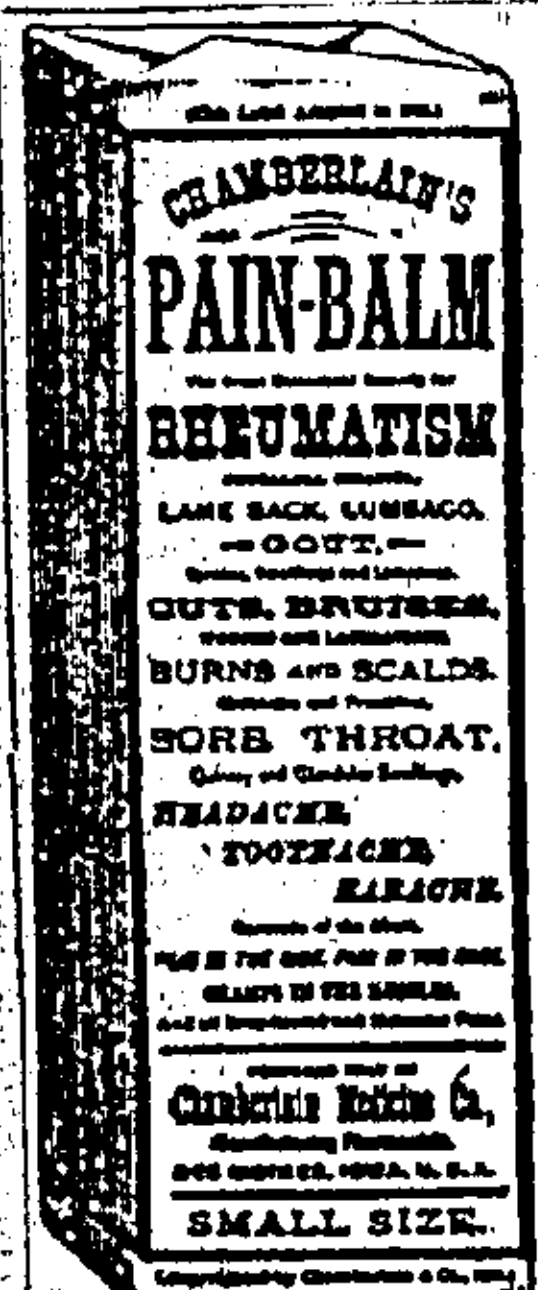
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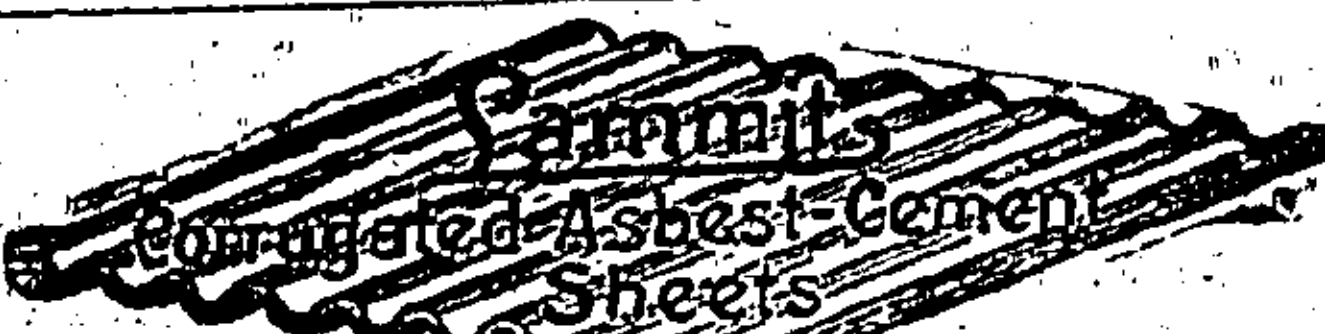


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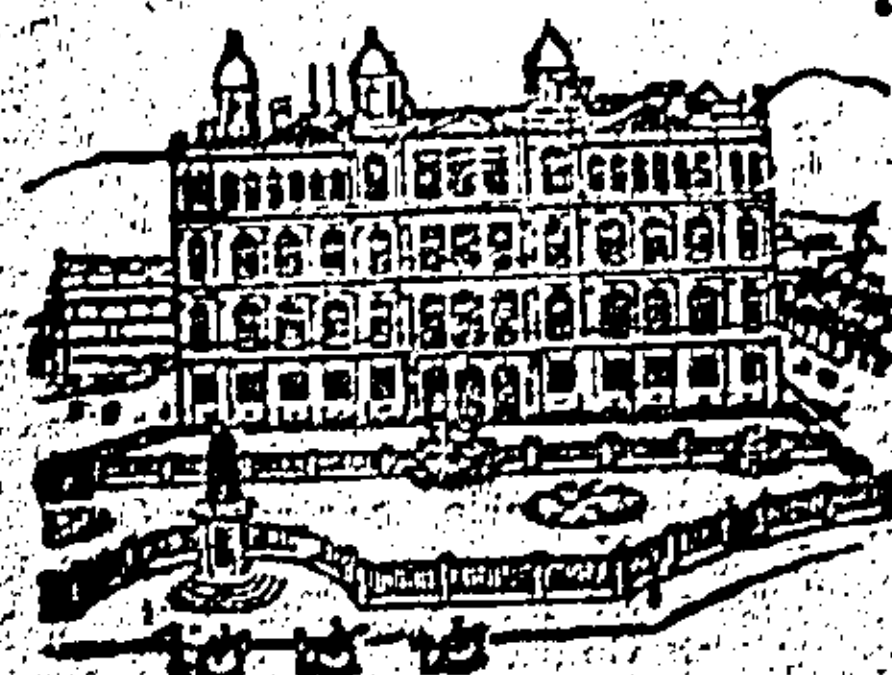
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BANK CUSTOMER'S CASE.

LONDON, November 15th.
The Court of Appeal has ordered a new trial in a case wherein the High Court gave judgment in favour of the defendant in an action brought by a bank's customer who alleged that the Manager of a provincial bank had wrongfully communicated confidential information concerning him.

REVISION OF PRAYER BOOK

LONDON, November 15th.
The National Assembly of the Church of England debated the revision of the Prayer Book. Numerous amendments submitted were contained in green, grey and yellow books leading Bishop Kyle, who presided over the House of Clergy, to refer to them as "rainbow literature" and express a hope that the discussion would be conducted in a lofty atmosphere.

An amendment that ten pages in the measure dealing with the Communion Service be omitted was rejected by 159 to 43 votes after a heated debate. Lord Hugh Cecil, in the House of Lords, on behalf of the members in charge of the measure moved a new clause to make it clear that there would not be two prayer books. He said it was not proposed that the alternative book should supersede deviations. It would be madness to go beyond public opinion and seek to impose an alternative book superseding the old.

Sir Edward Clarke, seconding, said that two prayer books would be an abomination. The clauses were adopted.

DAVIS CUP LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

LONDON, November 14th.
The Council of the Lawn Tennis Association recommended adopting the "round-robin" principle in the draw for championships whereby prominent players are so distributed as to prevent their clashing in the early stages of the competition. A resolution states that every nation qualified to compete in the Davis Cup is entitled to nominate four players for the championships. A draw will then be arranged; no two nominated players of any nation will be in the same section.

RAILWAYMEN'S WAGES.

LONDON, November 14th.
The case of the railway employees against the Companies' claim for the reduction of wages was presented to a meeting of the National Wages Board by Mr. Cramp, the Industrial Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, who contended that the settlement reached in 1919 was considered by both sides to be a permanent one, but to be disturbed unless the railwaymen endeavoured at some future time to improve their position. He urged the importance of maintaining good faith which the railwaymen hitherto had had in a settlement. If that was once disturbed it would be most difficult for those charged with the conducting of the affairs of the railwaymen to conduct those affairs in the future in the same spirit as in the last few years.

[The National Wages Board on the 8th November began hearing the proposals of the Railway Companies for a revision of the wages agreements which three Unions are opposing. The award of the Board will not be legally binding, and will be considered by both sides, when issued. Counsel for the Companies said that the wages of railwaymen were abnormally high and not commensurate with the services rendered to other workers. It was estimated that the savings resulting from the proposed reductions would amount to £4 million, whereas, if the Companies sought to regulate the wages purely on a commercial basis, the saving would be approximately £27 million.]

EXPERIMENT WITH GOLF BALL.

LONDON, November 15th.
The United States Golf Association has announced its intention to the Royal and Ancient Club of experimenting with the golf ball with a view to making it a more suitable implement for the game. It contemplates reducing the maximum weight to 1.32 ounces, the size remaining the same. The Club has cabled welcoming the experiments.

INDIAN EMIGRATION TO GUIANA.

November 15th.
A Georgetown message says that British Guiana has taken steps to notify the Government of India that Guiana reaffirms the identical offer submitted to the select committee at Delhi in 1920 by Mr. Numan, the Attorney-General, for free assisted emigration of agricultural families. On the publication of the Pilla Tiwari report, the colony will approach the Government of India regarding steps for moving the necessary resolution in both Legislative Chambers approving of a free agricultural settlement in Guiana. A deputation may attend the legislature.

EX-KAISER AND EX-CROWN PRINCE.

LONDON, November 15th.
An Amsterdam message says the "Algemeen Handelsblad" publishes an amusing story of a furniture squabble between the ex-Kaiser and ex-Crown Prince. It says the latter borrowed some furniture from his father's house at Doorn. The Crown Prince's goods including this furniture a few days ago were loaded on a barge at Weiringen for Amsterdam en route to Oels, but the ex-Kaiser came to hear of the removal and instructed his notary to have the furniture confiscated.

S.S. "PAUL LEGAT"

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo from MARSEILLE, LES, also Cargo ex S.S. "ANDROMEDA" from Bordeaux, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong-Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter, Goods remaining unclaimed after the 14th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 18th December, 1923, or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on Friday, the 14th instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. RODENFUSSE, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1923. [1899]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 11th December.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th December, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 31st December, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1923. [1897]

"OLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND STRAITS.

THE Motor Vessel

"GLENARA" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 14th December 1923, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 13th December, 1923, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for cargo short delivered must be presented on the special form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1923. [1887]

INDO-CHINA

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SAILINGS	SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.		
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"CHIPSANG"	Saturday, 15th Dec., 10 a.m.	
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 15th Dec., 11 a.m.	
Kobe via AMOY, SHANGHAI	"HOSANG"	Sunday, 16th Dec., 7 a.m.	
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"YATSHING"	Sunday, 16th Dec., 7 a.m.	
STRAITS & CALOUTTA	"FOORSANG"	Monday, 17th Dec., 3 p.m.	
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	"KWONGSANG"	Tuesday, 18th Dec., 7 a.m.	
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday, 18th Dec., 10 a.m.	
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"WINGSANG"	Sunday, 23rd Dec., 7 a.m.	
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"HINSANG"	Monday, 24th Dec., 1 p.m.	
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Monday, 24th Dec., 1 p.m.	
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TINGSANG"	Tuesday, 25th Dec., 7 a.m.	
Kobe	"NAMSANG"	Wednesday, 26th Dec., Noon	
BANGKOK via HOIHOW	"CHUNSANG"	Friday, 28th Dec., 10 a.m.	
STRAITS & CALOUTTA	"LAISANG"	Monday, 31st Dec., 3 p.m.	

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"CARNARVONSHIRE"	15th Dec.	"GLENAPP"	30th Dec.	Genco, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
"GLENIFFER"	27th Dec.	"GLENARA"	17th Jan.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
"GLENBEG"	14th Jan.	"GLENSANDA"	28th Jan.	—

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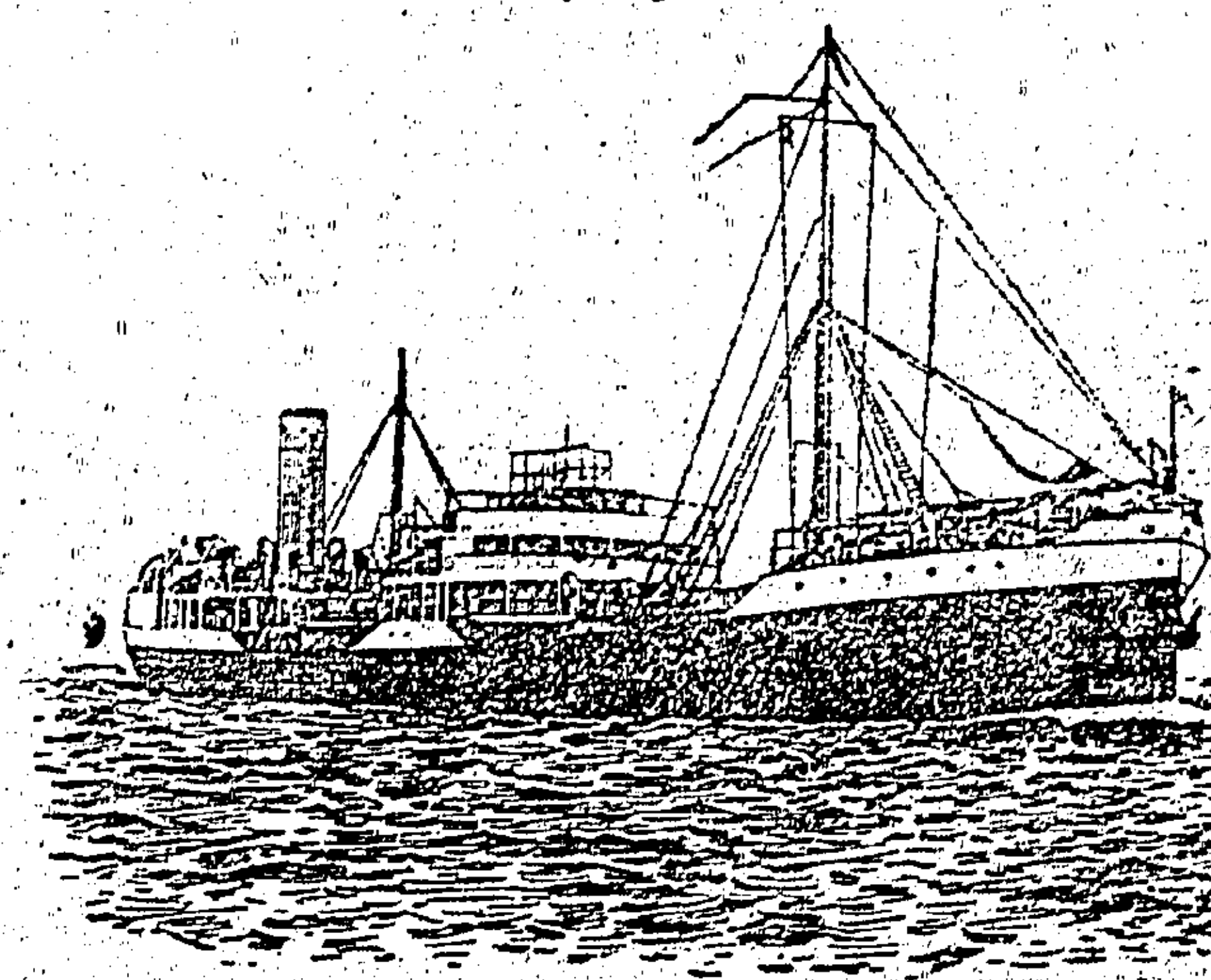
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

December 12th.

Amur Maru, Japanese str., 3,017 tons, Capt. J. Rasmussen, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 10—John Manners & Co.

Tziki Maru, Dutch str., 3,001 tons, Capt. P. Weide, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B29—J.C.J.L.

Toshima Maru, Japanese str., 3,003 tons, Capt. C. Shirai, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—N.Y.K.

December 13th.

Amur Maru, Japanese str., 3,017 tons, Capt. S. Arai, from Kobe and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at Admiralty buoy No. 1—O.S.K.

Changshing, British str., 1,298 tons, Capt. G. L. S. Johnson, from Bangkok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14—B. & S.

City of Athens, British str., 4,190 tons, Capt. J. W. Parrington, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A32—Bank Line.

Fookang, British str., 1,887 tons, Capt. F. Mooney, from Calcutta, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—J. M. & Co.

Ikomaru Maru, Japanese str., 1,932 tons, Capt. Matsui, from Mako, with a cargo, lying at buoy No. B30—M.B.K.

Kowloon, British str., 1,345 tons, Capt. J. H. Harding, from Hongkong and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11—B. & S.

Kwangshing, Chinese str., 1,347 tons, Capt. W. Phillips, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at C.M.S.N. wharf—C.M.S.N. Co.

Kwangshing, British str., 1,125 tons, Capt. W. P. Brindley, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C04—J. M. & Co.

Tachow, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. B8.

Muroran Maru, Japanese str., 3,373 tons, Capt. P. A. Watanabe, from Calcutta and Port, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—N.Y.K.

Sengo Maru, Japanese str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. C48.

Suimaru, British str., 1,291 tons, Capt. N. Leitch, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Tziki Maru, Dutch str., 3,004 tons, Capt. Hopman, from Sourabaya, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

December 13th.

Amur Maru, for Singapore.

Haiyung, for Canton.

Hok Canton, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Hydrangus, for Swatow.

Kwangshing, for Canton.

Tachow, for Swatow.

Muroran Maru, for Keelung.

Sengo Maru, for Keelung.

Tziki Maru, for Swatow.

Tachow Maru, for Hailow.

Calcutta, for Canton.

Tachow, for Singapore.

Toshima Maru, for Nagasaki.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Toshima Maru*, on December 12th—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Black, Miss M. Dingham, Miss F. M. Hinder, Miss J. McCormick, Mrs. M. W. Franklin, Miss A. Franklin, Mrs. F. W. Fox, Mrs. R. Moller, Mr. A. L. Retchie, Miss D. V. Retchie, Mrs. V. Snodgrass, Mr. F. Shuster, Mr. T. Yamamura, Mrs. M. A. L. Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Timenel, Mr. D. E. Delgado, Mrs. M. R. Fletcher, Miss K. Duncun, Mr. H. K. Rutherford, Mr. G. T. Tsuchiya, Mr. K. Taniguchi, Mr. G. T. B. Davis, Mr. F. A. R. Davis, Miss B. D. B. Beebe, Mr. J. Mayne, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stainfield, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Tomlinson, Mr. J. H. Teller, Mr. A. G. Wilson, Mr. C. Ampil, and the Rev. A. L. Ryan.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Soudan*, on December 13th—Mr. H. Pudamsey, Mrs. K. K. Tye, Mr. W. Downs, Mr. G. Bulehand, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pades, Mr. D. E. Firdas, Mr. A. Anderson, and Mr. A. L. Hudson.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Australia* (Capt. A. J. Hailey, R.N.R., Commander) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Wosung), Kobe and Yokohama, at noon on December 14th.

The s.s. *Leion* (Blue Funnel Line), left Liverpool on the 8th inst. for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan, and is due here on about January 13th.

The s.s. *Tokyo* (Blue Funnel Line), left London on the 12th inst.

The s.s. *Kuruyoshi* (Blue Funnel Line), left Port Said on the 5th inst. for Manila, Havre, Liverpool, Glasgow.

The s.s. *Adriatic* (Blue Funnel Line), left Port Said on the 7th inst. for London, Rotterdam and Antwerp.

The Ben Line s.s. *Brunnaden*, from Middlesbrough, Anwerp, and London, left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on about the 19th inst.

NEW TUGBOAT FOR PO ON MINING CO.

Messrs. W. S. Bailey have completed, at the order of the Po On Mining Co., a tankwood tugboat 79 feet in length and with compound surface-condensing engines of 250 indicated horse-power. The tug is fitted with three steel bulkheads and with raised bridge speed of 10.5 knots against the contract speed of 10.5 knots.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Achilles (Blue Funnel), due to-day.

André Lebon (M.M.), due Dec. 20th.

City of Spokane (Admiral Oriental), due Dec. 22nd.

Elkton (Barber Line), due Jan. 13th.

Empress of Asia due Dec. 18th, 11 a.m.

Hyson (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 28th.

Loomedon (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 22nd.

Lycaon (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 27th.

Mentor (Blue Funnel), due January 6th.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying in the Great Northern Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong—

ADDRESSES	FROM
Protection	Kobe
Nolte, Hongkong Hotel ...	Shanghai
Yasukawa Fukui Yoko Kaikai, Taketu	Shanghai
Fowler, Hk. and Sh. Bank ...	Shanghai
Cohen, Hongkong Hotel ...	Kobe
Satoshiro Nihayusen ...	Kobe
K. Yamada Hotel, c/o Wada, ...	Wanchai
Hangmow, 363, Queen's Road ...	Shanghai
Tonglinglung	Nagasaki
0679	Ningpo
Yeehaiachuan	Shanghai
Yimyip, Chunshing Street, ...	Tientsin
Wanching, 231, Queen's Road ...	Marseille
Uyilpee	Amoy
Tinies, 283, Queen's Road ...	Shanghai

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong—

NUMBERS	ADDRESSES	FROM
5383/9th	Deacon	New York
5413/9th	Hindmarsh	Shanghai

WEATHER REPORT.

December 13th at 1935—Pressure has increased moderately from Chefoo, to Shanghai. Changes elsewhere are slight.

The anticyclone over China has deepened. Fresh rain may be expected along the S.E. coast of China, and over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, 13th December, 0.60 inch. Total since January 1st, 106.51 inches, against an average of 82.41 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Dec. 14th is as follows—

DISTRICT	FORECAST
Formosa Channel	N. winds, strong.

Hongkong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, fresh; to moderate; cloudy.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocka do.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 13th.			
	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.07	30.12	30.08
Temperature	71	65	74
Humidity	74	81	72
Wind Direction	ESE	Cal	W
Force	3	0	5
Weather	c	om	c
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air temperature on 13th ... 71

Lowest open-air temperature on 13th ... 65

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From December 14th to 20th, 1923.					
HIGH WATER			LOW WATER		
Day of Week	Day of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Fri	14	0 42	5 7	0 40	5 0
Sat	15	0 43	5 0	0 35	4 0
Sun	16	0 43	5 0	0 35	4 0
Mon	17	0 43	5 0	0 35	4 0
Tues	18	0 43	5 0	0 35	4 0
Wed	19	0 43	5 0	0 35	4 0
Thurs	20	0 43	5 0	0 35	4 0

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD. COPENHAGEN.

THE M/S

"ANNAM" having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th of December, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on the 19th December, 1923, at 10 a.m.

All Claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned before the 22nd December, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1923. (1701)

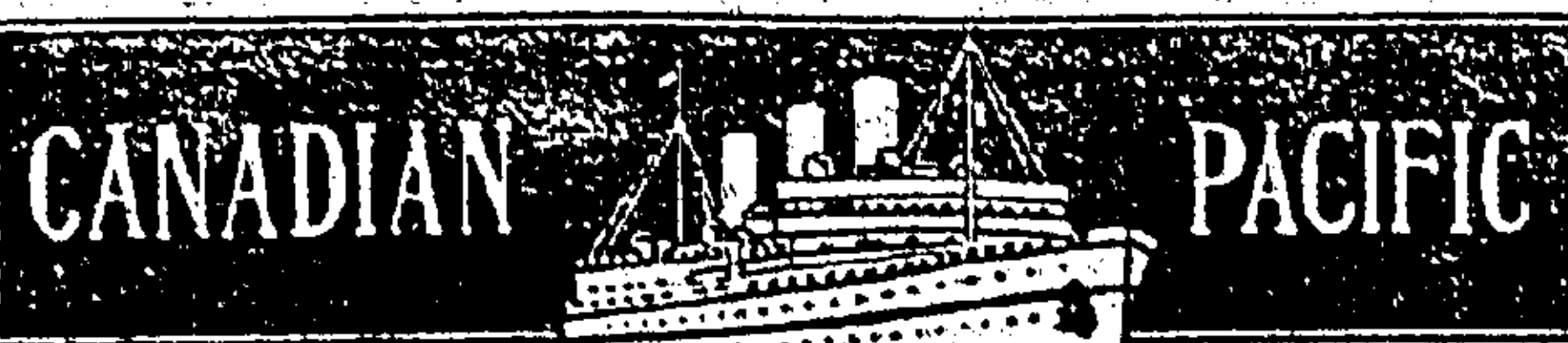
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Hongkong to England

From	Due	From	Due
Hongkong	Vancouver	Canada	England
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Empress Asia	Jan 10 Jan 28	Montcalm	Feb. 8 Feb. 15
Empress Russia	Feb. 7 Feb. 25	Marloch	Mar. 7 Mar. 14
Empress Australia	Feb. 22 Mar. 12	Melita	Mar. 19 Mar. 26

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HONGKONG TO VALPARAISO. VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, HILLO, SAN FRANCISCO. SAN PEDRO, MANZANILLO, BALBOA, CALLAO, MOLENDINO, ARICA AND IQUIQUE. THENCE BY TRANS-ANDALAN ROUTE TO BUENOS AIRES. STEAMERS LEAVE HONGKONG. RAKUYO MARU 13,500 tons, January 15th. JAPAN-HONGKONG-JAVA SERVICE.

OSAKA, KOBE, MOJI, DAIREN, HONGKONG, BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA. STEAMER DESTINATION LEAVE HONGKONG. PERLIA MARU (Batavia, Samarang & Soerabaya) December 26th. NEW YORK LINE. (Freight only.) VIA JAVA AND SUEZ. LEAVE HONGKONG.

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HONGKONG-MANILA

S.S. "PRESIDENT CLEVELAND" ... Sunday, Dec. 16th, at 4 p.m.

HONGKONG-CALCUTTA

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S.S. "LAKE GULPEN" ... Tuesday, Dec. 18th, at 5 p.m.

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MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, etc.
ATSUTA MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Dec., at 11 a.m.
KASHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 2nd Jan.

HAMBURG via LONDON & BOTTEDAM.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLE & VALENCIA.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, etc.

TANGO MARU ... Friday, 21st Dec., at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK & BOSTON via PANAMA.

MAYBASHI MARU ... Second half of Dec.

BUENOSAIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KAWACHI MARU (calling Delagoa Bay) ... Monday, 31st Dec.

BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.

PENANG MARU ... Monday, 17th Dec.

YOMEI MARU ... Sunday, 23rd Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MORIOKA MARU ... Sunday, 16th Dec.

CEYLON MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Dec.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MOJI MARU (Moji & Kobe) ... Monday, 17th Dec.

SUWA MARU ... Tuesday, 18th Dec.

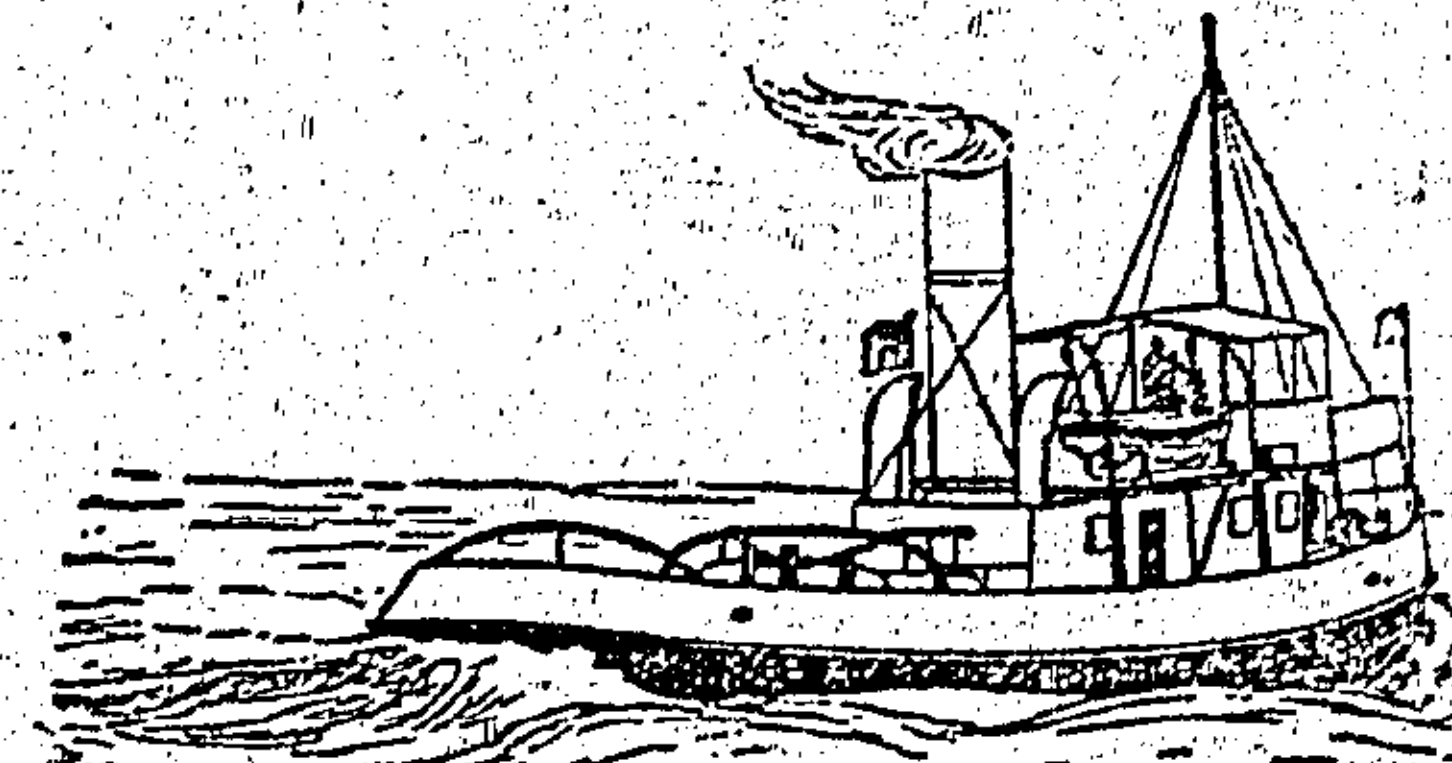
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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Owing to the expected arrival of heavy mails from the United States this morning and to the closing of the parcel mail for London at noon it will probably be impossible for the General Post Office staff to sort the incoming parcels by the Macedonia until Saturday forenoon the 15th instant.

The parcel Branch of the G.P.O. will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 a.m. on Sunday, the 16th instant, for the delivery of parcels.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London 15th Nov. and Parcel, 8th Nov.)	Macedonia	14th Dec.
U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. Cleveland	14th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Yingchow	14th Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. Jefferson	14th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	14th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Empress of Asia	18th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	DATE
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Yungo Maru No. 1	Friday, 14th, 8.30 A.M.
Java via Soerabaya	Tjondjari	10.30 A.M.
Bangkok	Bangka	Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Fouchow	Haifong	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Mar.		
quas, S. Africa, India via Dredoi		
quas, & EUROPE via MARSEILLE	Devonshire	Noon
LLS—(via Marseilles, 12th Jan. 1924)		
Ship sails at midnight 14th Dec.		
Amoy	Hongkong	5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Yunnan	Saturday, 15th, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Macedonia	8.30 A.M.
Hankow	Chipsing	9.30 A.M.
Manila	Yunnan	9.30 A.M.
Straits, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada,		
*U.S.A., Central & South America,		
*EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO	Yungo Maru	Registration Letters 10.30 A.M.
—(via San Francisco, 11th Jan.)		
Straits and Calcutta	Fooking	1.00 P.M.
Amoy	Tai Oopiraton	2.30 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Sunning	8.00 P.M.
Hankow and Bangkok	Lanan	Sunday, 16th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kiyo Maru	9.00 A.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Hongkong	Monday, 17th, 8.30 A.M.
Amoy	Sunning	5.00 P.M.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South		
America & *EUROPE via Victoria,		
B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 9th Jan.	Achilles	Parcel 17th, 8.30 A.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kiyo Maru	Tuesday, 18th, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Sunning	10.30 A.M.
Straits & Egypt	Kiyo Maru	Tuesday, 18th, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow Amoy & Fouchow	Hankow	Noon
Shanghai	Chengta	5.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via		
Thursday Island—due Thursday	Tungo Maru	Wednesday, 19th, 8.45 A.M.
Island, 29th Dec.		8.00 A.M.

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ON PARIS—	Bank Bills, on demand ... 945
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ON NEW YORK—	Bank Bills, on demand ... 50 1/2
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ON SHANGHAI—	Bank Bills, at sight ... nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ... 107 1/2	
ON YOKOHAMA—	On demand ... 101 1/2
ON MANILA—	On demand ... 98 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—	On demand ... 134 1/2
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Hongkong, 14th November, 1923. [28]

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A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 8th, 1923. [31]

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N. C. WILSON, Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, September 28th, 1923. [30]

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C. E. GOY, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, October 1st, 1923. [28]

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 28th, 1923. [34]

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T. NISHIYAMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 17th Sept., 1923. [28]

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Hongkong, August 14th, 1923. [37]

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